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TISTA CHAPTER I:
LONG RANGE.

BY ENDOU TATSUYA

A BLOODSMEARED BULLET THAT PIERCES THROUGH ITS TARGET
THE SHOCKING NEW SERILIZATION CENTER COLOR 63 PAGES!

THE TARGET'S NAME IS STABANO FRAPECHINO.
HE'S STARTED UP AN ILLEGAL WEAPON AND DRUG TRADE IN LITTLE ITALY, AND IS CURRENTLY THE HEAD OF IT TOO.
SISTER MILITA,
HIS ATONEMENT, BY THE CROSS MUST BE SWIFT AND GENTLE...
AS IS THE WILL OF OUR FATHER, AS HIS PATH DICTATES.
AMEN.

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HUH ?
HEY! DON'T SCREW AROUND!
BOSS!!
SO ...
STOP! STOP!
HE.. HEY!
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED ?!
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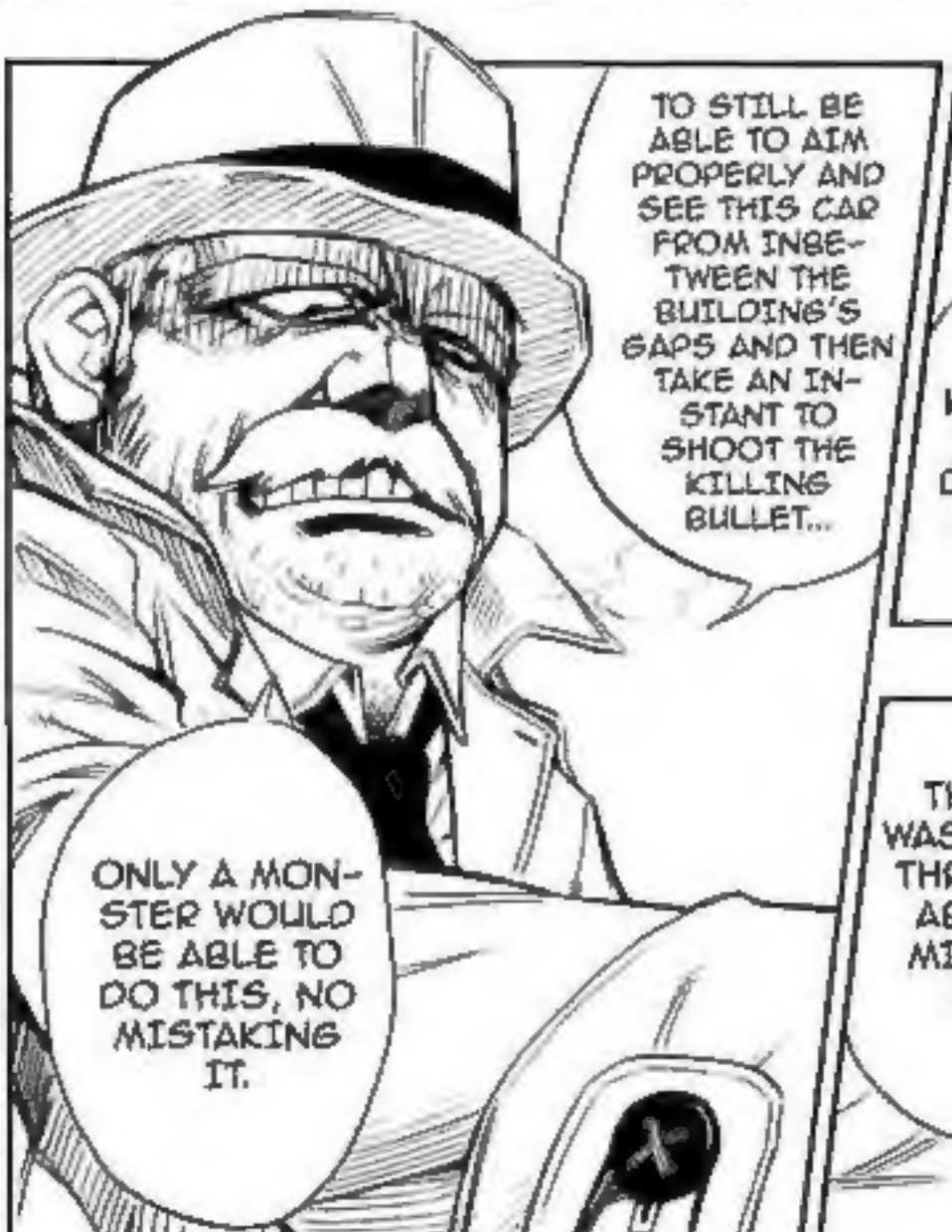
TO STILL BE ABLE TO AIM PROPERLY AND SEE THIS CAR FROM INBE-TWEEN THE BUILDING'S GAPS AND THEN TAKE AN IN-STANT TO SHOOT THE KILLING BULLET...
ONLY A MON-STER WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS, NO MISTAKING IT.

WHAT KIND OF POWER DID THAT BULLET HAVE?
BUT DAMN, TO SHOOT A BULLET FROM A BUILDING1000 YARDS AWAY THROUGH THE GLASS AND MANAGE TO STILL SCORE THE KILL-ING HIT...

JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE HAS SHE BEEN ABLE TO KILL OVER THESE LAST 10 YEARS?
A MONSTER BETTER KNOWN AS NY'S SHINIGAMI "SISTER MILLITA."
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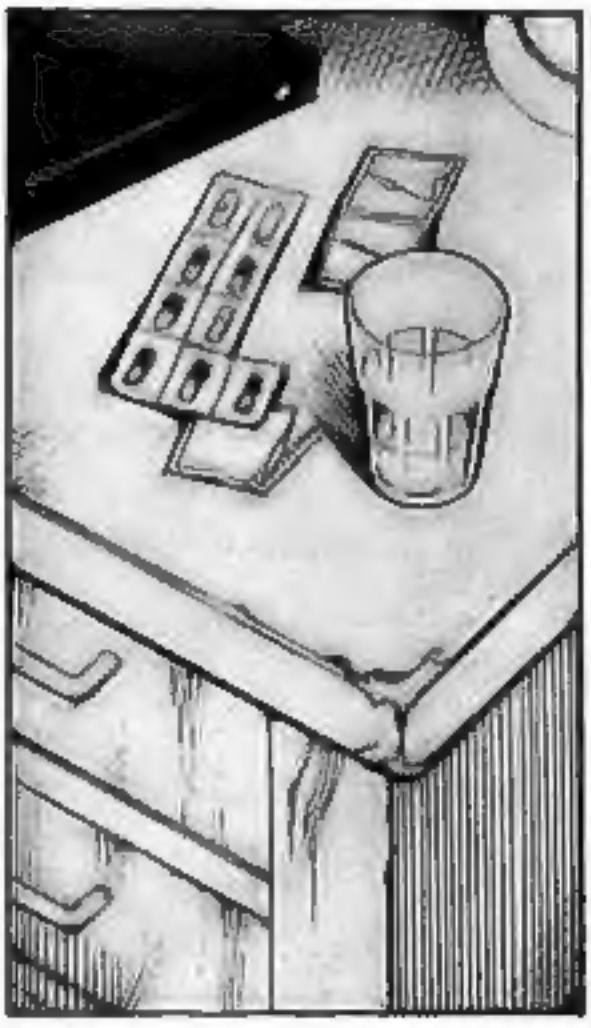

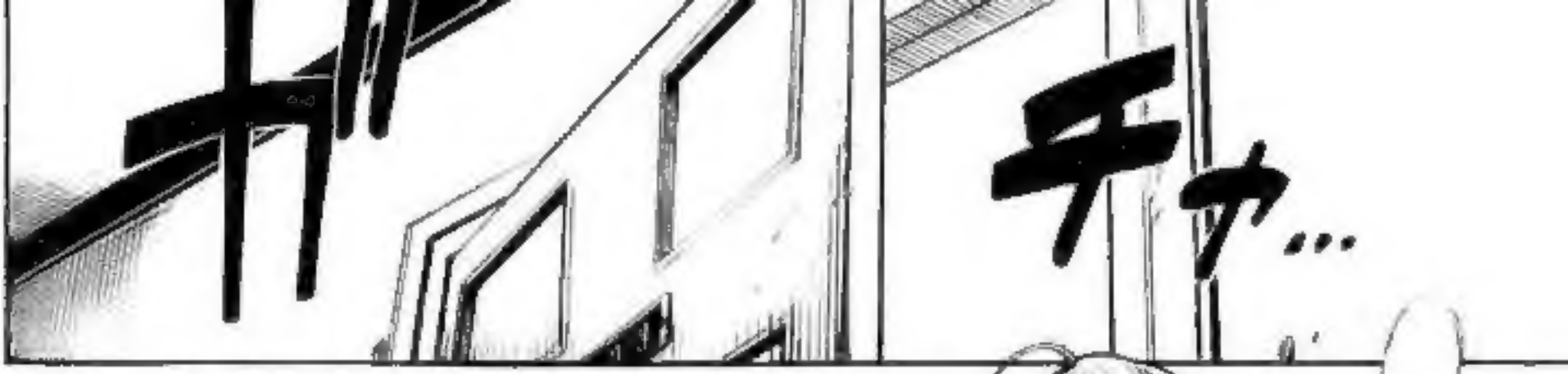
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HEADED TO SCHOOL?
OH IF IT ISN'T TISTA-CHAN! GOOD MORNING! YOU KNOW ITS COLD THIS MORN-ING RIGHT?

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AS USUAL..SHE'S SUCH A STRANGE GIRL...

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THE HOLY FATHER HAS BEEN SEEN.

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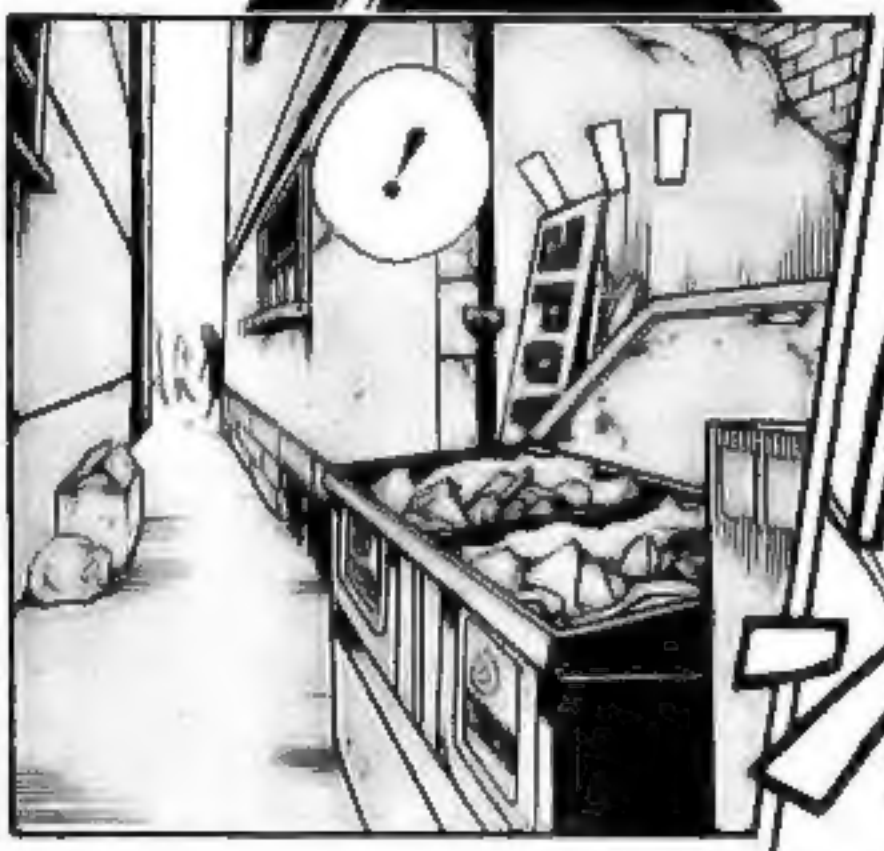
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HEY YOU THERE! WATCH OUT!!

A CAR IS COMING THERE!

RIGHT!

LET'S HIT THE GAS THEN!

CRAZY

EHAHAHAHAAH! WHAT? ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHIN'? DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT STUF MAHHO-CHAN! AS IF SOMEONE WOULD ACTU-ALLY BE THERE!

HEY BRO, SOMEONE'S IN THE STREET

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SO.. SORRY BROOOOO ....A BIKE JUST POPPED UP SUD-DENLY..

EHAHAH EHAHAHAAH WHAT..? WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

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NOT TOO BAD BRO!!

OW ....

HEY YOU OK?

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EH....

AH..

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU LOOK-ING AT AS YOU WALK IDIOT?

YOU COULD HAVE DIED JUST NOW ASS!!

AH. ARE YOU....

WAIT!

IT'S ON THE SEVENTH STREET ON THE CORNER OF THE 25TH DISTRICT.

REPORTING TWO JUNK IES WHO GOT IN AN ACCIDENT!

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HUH ?

AH... UM...

I'M SORRY...

WE'LL NEED AN AMBULANCE.

MOROEVER, ITS NOT JUST VANDALISM, ITS ART! ART!

HUH?

HOW ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU STOPPED DOING THE VANDALISM ON THEW ALLS?

LATELY MORE FLASHY MORONS HAVE BEEN OUT GETTING INTO ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE.

HAHAH, YEAH JUST KNOCK IT OFF.

ATTY? ISN'T THAT YOU?

HUH. IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS?

YO!! ITS BEEN A WHILE!

LEAVE IT ALONE

STILL AS OLD AS EVER

AH...ITS YOU OLD MAN MACKY!

THIS IS SO TROUBLESOME MAN...

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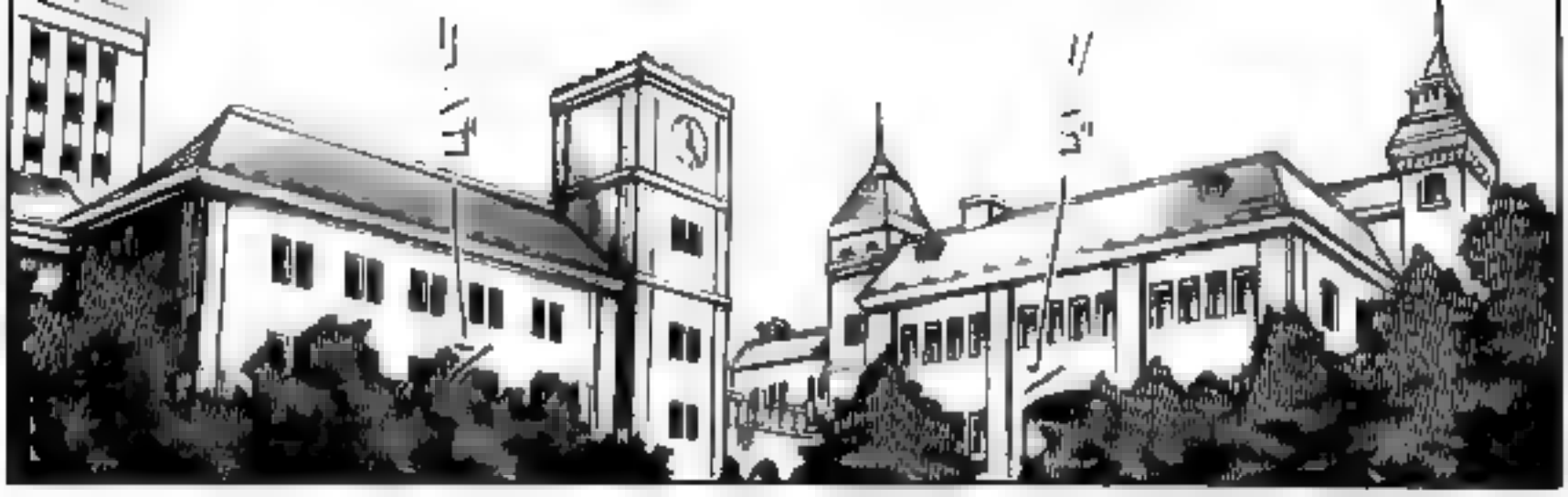

MY EYES MESSED UP AGAIN..
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YOU SERIOUS?

NEXT WEEK, I'LL EXPECT YOUR REPORTS TO BE READY TO HAND IN
AND THATS THE END FOR TODAY.
KYOU!!

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WHAT NEXT?
LET'S GET A BITE TO EAT.
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YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID NOT "I'M SORRY" BUT "THANKS" RIGHT?! DAMN!
HEY YOU, DURING THAT TIME....

AH.
YEAH, THANKS.
BE HAPPY!
TH.. THANK .YOU
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YOU FORGOT THIS.
HERE,
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MR RABBIT.
ITS A BIT CREEPY THOUGH..
IT'S YOURS RIGHT?
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BE GREATFUL, ITS NOT OFTEN THAT SOMEONE WILL HELP ANOTHER PERSON OUT YOU NOW?
REMEMBER MY FACE CLEARLY, CAUSE I WAS THE ONE WHO ENEDED UP SAVING YOU BACK THERE.
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AND ....
AH. .
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THE FUTURE GREAT ARTIST, ATTY OOROWA! REMEMBER IT WELL OR YOU'LL BE AT A LOSS!
AH I'M A THIRD YEAR ART STUDENT HERE!

YOU DID LIKE SAVE ME FROM THAT DANGEROUS SITUATION ..

SO THATS FINE.. RIGHT ?

IT SEEMS LIKE ITS A LITTLE UNBALANCED..

THE FRAME ...

I'M NOT GONNA GET MUCH COMPENSATION FOR THIS MONTH...

AH...MY BAD THEN.

AH. OK.?

YOU THINK ITS FROM THAT TIME WHEN YOU FELL OVER?

PR.. PROBABLY

A NAME ?...

UM .. NAME?

UH...

YOU DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME YOUR NAME YET, DON'T YOU AT LEAST OWE ME THAT?

UM AH? EH?

THATS ..?

HUH?!

YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU SMILE YOU'RE KINDA CUTE.

WHAT? GOING ALREADY?

UM .. SO .. SORRY..

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TI...TISTA...

UM. .THANK YOU VERY MUCH....

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SHE'S STUB-BORN...

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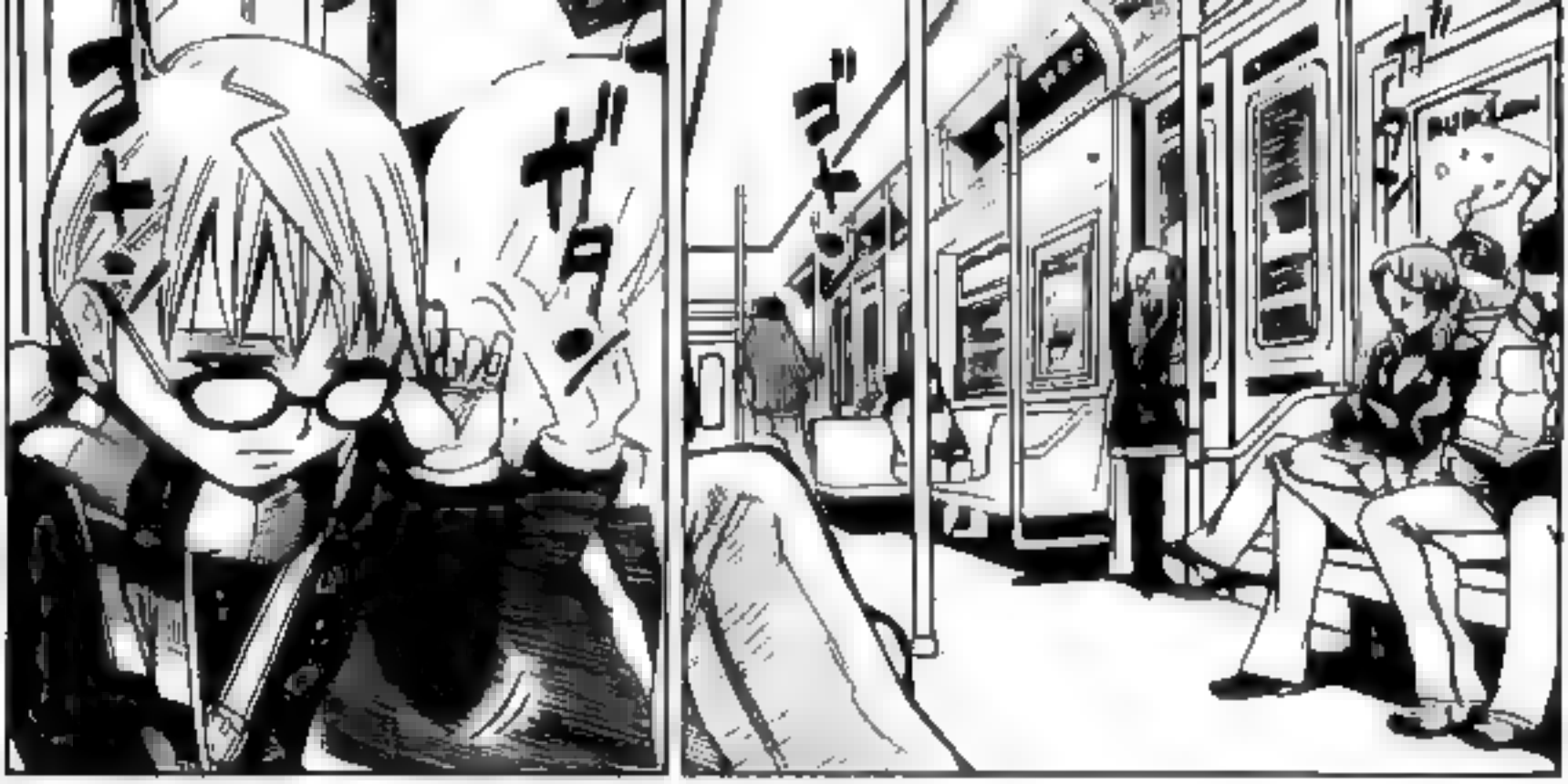

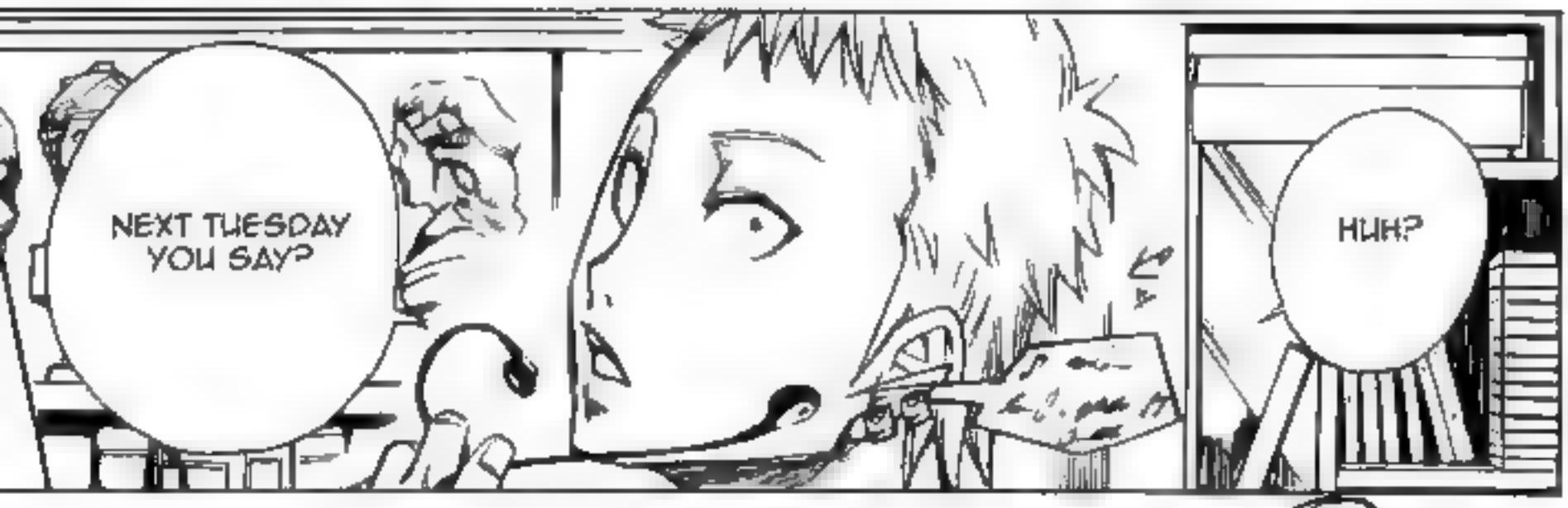
NEXT TUESDAY YOU SAY?
HUH?

AH..YEAH.
YOU'RE DOING ANOTHER PAINT-INGS?
MY BAD, ITS JUST THAT THIS PLACE HAS ALL THE TOOLS I NEED, SO ITS RATHER CONIVENENT. ...HAHAH..

SURE...ITS NOT A BIG DEAL TO GET SOMETHING OUT BY TUESDAY.
IS THAT SO? YOU RE A SAVIOR

YEAH.
CAN I DEPEND ON YOU?
THERES GOING TO BE A HUGE EXHI-BITION IN WHICH MANY PEOPLE WILL BE BERING-ING IN SEV-ERAL PEIECES OF ART.

OF COURSE, I'M ONLY TRYING TO NURTURE THAT TALENT. NOT EVERYONE HAS IT LIKE YOU WHICH IS WHY WE'RE PARTNERS.

SO TAKE YOUR TIME AND WORK HARD.

HAHAH. YOU'RE MEAN MAN.

ATTY.

I'VE ALREADY SAID IT BEFORE, THAT THIS PLACE IS OPEN FOR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO HERE WHEN IT COMES TO THE ARTS.

I'M JUST TRYING NOT TO BE IN THE WAY AS A WAY OF SHOWING MY THANKS.

I KNOW, I'M NOT TRYING TO BE CHEEKY OR ANYTHING. I JUST WISH I COULD LIVE HERE.

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THERE SURE IS A BEAUTIFUL MOON OUT THIS NIGHT..
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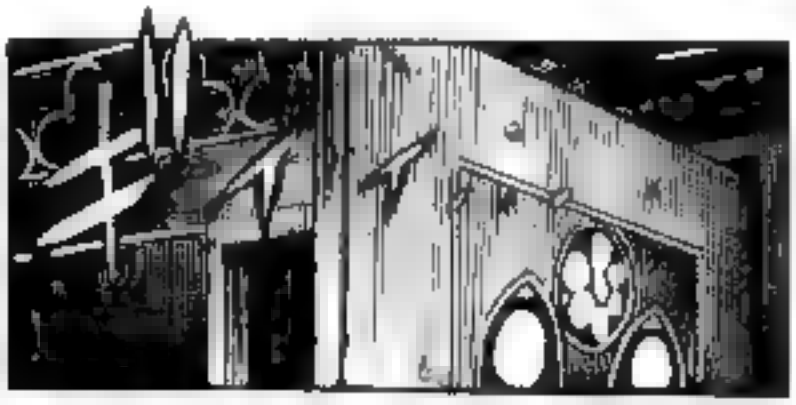

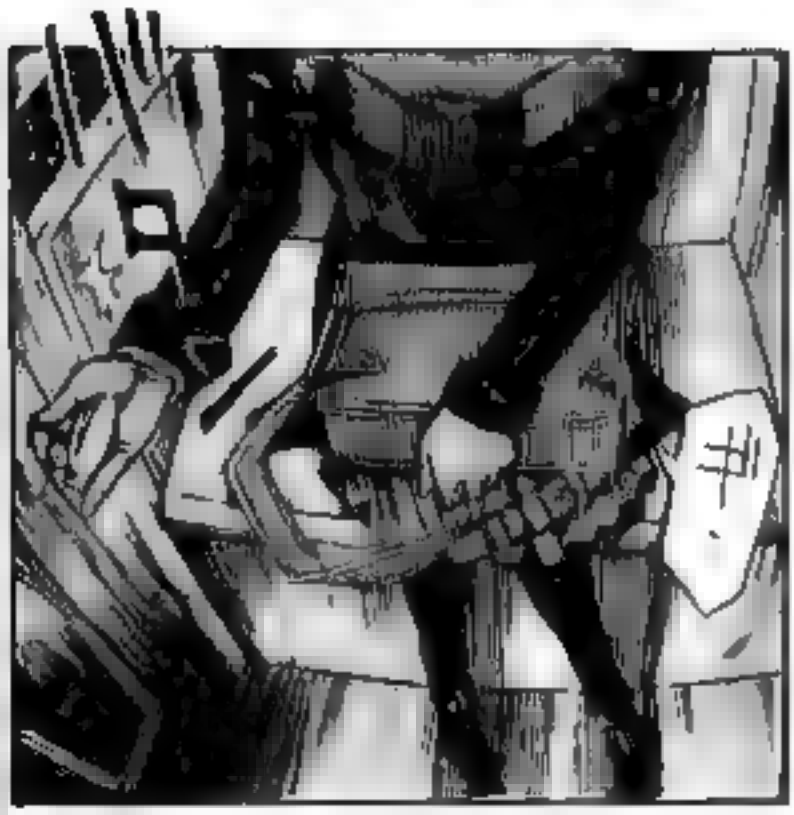
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SISTER MILITA ...

DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK OF WORK FIRST? OR BEFORE THAT WOULD YOU RATHER TELL ME OF ANY REPENTE-NANCE YOU WANT TO UNDERGO?

TELL ME WHAT IT IS YOU WISH ..

THOUGH THIS WILL ONLY BE THE CAMAFLAUGE FOR SOME-THING MORE UNDER-HANDED.

IT IS THERE THAT A LOT OF EXPORTS FROM BRITIAN WILL BE ARRIVING.

THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 2 MILLION DOL-LARS WORTH OF HEROIN BEING BROUGHT IN THERE.

YES THIS MONTH THEY ARE SUP-POSED TO BE HAVING AN EXHIBITION THAT WILL GO ON FOR 16 DAYS..

..THAT WILL FEATURE THE LATEST IN THE ART WORLD.

OUTSIDE SOHO, DID YOU KNOW OF THE WESTON GINO ART EXHIBI-TION?

NO...IT'S FINE FATHER PETORS. PLEASE GO ON WITH YOUR CONVERSATION.

....OK THEN.. I WILL BEGIN

THE ENGLAND CIVILIZATION SOCIETY PRESIDENT SEIN STEIRI, AND OF COURSE THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXHIBITION HARIS CORNEL. ALTHOUGH SEIN HIMSELF WON'T BE THERE UNTIL THE 13TH DAY...TUESDAY.

THERE ARE TWO TARGETS, ONE BEING TO INTERCEPT THE BOXS COMING WITH THE HEROINE IN THEM.

HIS ATONEMENT, BY THE CROSS MUST BE SWIFT AND GENTLE...

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THE DETAILS ARE OUTLINED IN HERE.

SISTER MILITA, YOU HAVE BEEN TRUSTED WITH THE WILL OF GOD.

AS IS THE WILL OF OUR FATHER, AS HIS PATH DICTATES.

AMEN.

AMEN.

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HUH?!

LETS GO MESS WITH HER!!

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IT REALLY IS HER!

AH! IT'S TISTA!

NO....

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I'M FINE...

MY WORD, THOSE TROUBLE-SOME CHILDREN.

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STOP THAT ALL OF YOU! WHY MUST YOU ANTAGO-NIZE HER SO?

'CAUSE SHE'S SO GLOOMY

HEY LET OFF OF HER A LITTLE!

DEY AH!!

SHO RI-YAH!

I SEE UP YOUR SKIRT!

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AAAAALT!!

AH... THANK YOU.

HERE .. SOME TEA.

THEY ONLY DO THAT BECAUSE THEY REALLY LIKE YOU DEEP DOWN.

THOSE CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS GETTING SO FILTHY THAT I DON'T EVEN HAVE TIME FOR TEA..FUFU.

YOU REALLY ARE QUITE AMAZING..

ARE YOU STUDYING ENOUGH?

HOW IS SCHOOL?

YES.

SOMEHOW.

I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY THAT GOD WILL FIND IT IN HIS FORGIVENESS TO ALLOW YOU TO LIVE AS A NORMAL GIRL.

HOWEVER AT THE COST OF BEING AMASING, YOU'VE HAD TO ..OR ALL OF YOU WILL END UP LOSING YOUR HAPPINESS AT SOME TIME.

YOU HAVE TO GO OUT AS MILITA..

TO ANOTHER PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE LIVING THEIR LIVES OUT SINFULLY

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JUST FINE..

I'M. FINE ..

NO .. I'M...

WILL YOU BE LATE IN RETURNING THIS TIME?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH ELDER-SENSEI

YES.

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EVERY-ONE WILL WAIT FOR YOU.

YOU CAN COME AT ANY TIME.

THE CHIL-DREN ALL CONSIDER YOU AS A PART OF THEIR REAL FAMILY YOU KNOW.

THE POOR THING ..

DISPUT-ING, AND HAVING BLOOD SPILLED.

SHE HAS THE SAME EYES AS HIM AT THAT TIME ..

I HOPE THAT THE SAME FATE DOESN'T BEFALL HER.

TISTA...

TISTA...DAD OY HAS A PRESENT FOR YOU

YAY! IT'S A RABBIT! THANK YOU DADDY!

EH?! NO WAY, DADDY ISN'T AT ALL AS CUTE AS THIS IS!

WILL YOU TREASURE DADDY MORE THAN THIS?

HAHAH...I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

HIS EYES LOOK SO SAD...

WHAT'S WITHIN ME IS NOTHING OTHER THAN COWARDICE.

TRAITORS WILL JUST DIE.

THESE BLOOD-STAINED HANDS CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY A GOOSEND.

HOWEVER ..IN THE END...

YOU SAID THAT YOU COULD CHANGE AND I NOTICED IT..

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE AROUND.

BECAUSE...

LOOK AROUND YOURSELF TISTA, YOU'RE ALL WRONG.

ALONE..

I'M ALONE

NOTHING...

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TAKE THAT FACE, AND DRAW IT UP AS A BEAUTY? HOW ABOUT IT?

HEY! THERE YOU ARE, GLASSES GIRL!

NO MY SECOND CLASS IS OVER..

HEADED TO SCHOOL?

THATS SWEET! WELL THEN HAVE A SEAT!

HU.. HUH?!

AH, UM... BUT A THIRD YEAR...

HEY! WHATS UP TISTA-CHAN?

I TOLD YOU TO REMEMBER THAT I'M AN ARTIST!

HUH?

YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!

UH... AH...

OK! NOW SMILE!

ME?!

AH EH?! M...

YEP! BUT DON'T MOVE.

IS THAT SO?

BUT I'M GONNA BE DOING BIG THINGS IN THE FUTURE

LET ME GUESS...YOU 'RE GONNA BE A TEACHER?

SO WHAT ARE YOU IN SCHOOL FOR?

BUT SINCE ITS SO COLD NO ONE HAS SHOWN UP.

TO BE HONEST I'M ONLY SITTING HERE DRAWING FOR SMALL CHANGE NOW..

AH..

E. H. , YEAH ..

IT WOULD BE NICE TO HELP LITTLE KIDS BY GIVING THEM STHINGS TO STUDY..

THAT SOUNDS GOOD...

HUH ?

SO THEN WHY DON'T YOU SOUND SO SURE WHEN YOU SAY IT YOURSEL?

AH..

SORRY, I WAS JUST TRYING TO SEE IF I COULD SO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT GLOOMY FACE OR SO I THOUGHT.

ITS THE FIRST STEP TO GETTING THE STRENGTH TO MAKING THAT DREAM COME TRUE!

ITS COOL TO SAY YOUR DREAM OUT LOUD YOU KNOW!

AH I GUESS SO..

YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T ALL WAYS ANSWER ME WITH SUCH A BITTER SMILE '

I'M GONNA BE ABLE TO MAKE IT ANYWAY RIGHT!

I'M ALWAYS SHOUTING IT OUT LOUD!

THE TIME WILL COME WHERE YOU'LL NEED YOUR FULL STRENGTH TO DREAM.

AFTER ALL IF YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE BUT YOU'RE ALONE...THATS NO GOOD

THOUGH I'M NOT REALLY A KID PERSON MYSELF

YEAH! THATS IT RIGHT THERE! THOSE KIDS WILL BE DAMN LUCKY THEY'VE GOT YOU

SO THATS WHY I WANT YOU TO HAVE A FACE THAT MORE REL-FECTS SOME-ONE THATS GOING TO MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE.

THATS WHY I THE GREAT ATTY, WILL ONLY AS-SOCIATE HIS FUTURE WORK WITH FRIENDS WHO HAVE A STRONG HEART.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

WHAT ?!

DID MY EYES CATCH YOUR HEART?

HMN? WHATS UP?

HEY ARE YOU FREE THIS AFTER-NOON?

UM...AH... YEAH.

OKAY! DON'T MOVE!

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LETS GO ON A DATE TODAY THEN!

SWEET!

IT LOOKS QUITE BEFITTING OF YOU MISS!

AH.

EH?!

YEAH!

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EH?!

IT'S COOL!

BU..BUT ITS NOT REALLY THAT GOOD...

I'M SURE IT'LL MAKE SOME EASY MONEY.

ITS NOT LIKE SOME-ONE WILL BUY IT...

WELL AT LEAST I WAS ABLE TO DRAW AT LEAST ONE BEAUTY OF A PICTURE TODAY SO IT WASN'T A TOTAL LOSS.

BUT MAAN, ONLY ONE CUSTOMER SHOWED UP TODAY. AND MY WALLET AND BODY ARE WORN OUT

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT SO MUCH.

I ALREADY SAID I'D TAKE CARE OF IT

BUT I DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR ANY-THING..?

OH YEAH, I AT LEAST HAVE TO MAKE ENOUGH TO AFFORD WHAT I BOUGHT YOU TODAY.

HUH ?

BUT.. THATS...

AND WE'RE HERE!

ITS A BIG PAIN IN THE ASS TO LUG AROUND ALL THESE TOOLS TOO.

ESPECIALLY THE EASEL WHICH IS DAMN HEAVY.

AH.. RIGHT..

WEST GEENO MUSEUM

WE CAN JUST ENTER UNDER-NEATH.

NEXT TIME I'LL MAKE SOME-THING EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL! YOU WOULD HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY-THING LIKE IT!

RIGHT..

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THIS IS WESTON GINO'S GALLERY!

AH

SO NOW BECAUSE OF VARIOUS CIRCUM-STANCES I'M LEFT TO WATCH OVER IT

THOUGH BECAUSE OF AN IN-CIDENT HE DIED.

MY POPS USED TO CREATE HERE A LONG TIME AGO.

OH YEAH.. THIS IS MY PLACE!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? COME ON IN ALREADY!

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WILL I WILL HAVE TO INVOLVE HIM TOO?

NO! I CAN'T DO SUCH A THING.

THE TARGET IS THE GALLERY'S PRESIDENT

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LET ME JUST DROP MY STUFF AND I'LL BE RIGHT OUT OK? WAIT UP FOR ME!

THERE WON'T BE A SINGLE PERSON WHO'S BETTER THAN ME!

I'M AIMING TO DO SOMETHING MORE AMAZING! THE BEST PAINTING EVER!

AH..

AH RIGHT THERE IS A PAINTING BY SOME JAPANESE GUY.

GEEZ, CAN SOMETHING LIKE THIS REALLY BE OK? I DON'T GET THOSE GUYS...

NO.. THAT ISN'T RIGHT..

UH N.. NOTHING. NOTHING AT ALL..

HUH?

AH.. OLD MAN..

OH IF IT ISN'T YOU.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE BACK SO SOON ATTY.

AH. THAT'S A GOOD PICTURE

OH YOU GET IT?

OH.. WELL I'M SORRY.

GEEZ, IF YOU'RE GONNA BE LIKE THAT I'LL JUST HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL YOU KNOW

LOOK AT YOU, SUDDENLY HAVING FREE TIME FOR A DATE, ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE YOUR STATUS SEEM MORE ELEGANT?

THIS IS PART OF MY TIME TOO YOU KNOW! THIS IS A LUNCH BREAK! THATS ALL!

OH HIM? HE'S JUST THE PRESIDENT

THAT. THAT MAN?

AFTER MY OLD MAN DIED, HE LOOKED AFTER ME AND HELPED NURTURE MY ABILITY IN THE ARTS IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT MAN I'D PROBABLY BE REALLY DEPRESSED SOMEWHERE, BUT HE SAVED ME SO I DO THIS AS THANKS

SO LONG.

OK, GO AHEAD AND ENJOY YOURSELF, BUT REMEMBER YOU'LL MAKE UP FOR IT BY WORKING HARD TOMORROW

YEAH YEAH.

IT'S GONNA OPEN UP TOMORROW AND ALL KINDS OF STUFF WILL BE BROUGHT THERE.

IT'S A BIT OF A PAIN THOUGH.

THIS TIME WE'VE BEEN PREPAIRING FOR AN ART SHOW THATS GOING DOWN LATER YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

AH.

I HAD LOTS OF FUN TODAY WITH YOU.

NO! NOTHING OF THE SORT.

ITS...

AH..

ARE YOU BORED?

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I SEE

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WHAT? AWW MAN THAT SUCKS! WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO?

WELL I AC-TUA...Y HAVE WORK TO BE DONE. SO I SHOULD BE GOING.

UH, YES...

WHAT'S UP? YOU SEEM SICK OR SOME-THING..?

THANK YOU FOR THE GLASSES!

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'KYRIE ELEISON IS GREEK FOR 'O LORD HAVE MERCY'

KYRIE ELEISON

I'M GOING TO MAKE THE BEST PAINTING THERE IS!

KYRIE ELEISON

DID HE REALLY HELP HIM OUT?

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KYRIE ELEISON

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KYRIE ELEISON

TISTA...

KYRIE ELEISON...

KYRIE ELEISON...

YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE ONCE YOU SMILE.

PEOPLE MUST LIVE FAR AWAY AND LET GO OF THE PLACES THAT THEY LIVE

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE?

BUT...

YOU ARE OF COURSE MILITA.

THE JUDGEMENT OF THE CROSS MUST BE GENTLE YET SWIFT.

HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE...

I....

MY NAME IS SISTER MILITA.

ONLY ONE TARGET.

WHAT THIS EYE SEES IS..

ANGER!

I KNOW THAT.

IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS WE WILL BE APPROACHING THE GALERY PRESIDENT STEIRI.

I HATE COMING OUT TO SUCH A DIRTY LITTLE CITY

HMPH.

WHOOA!

AAAH!

MOVE THE PRESI-DENT FROM THE CAR!
GU-WAA AAA H!
HE COULD DIE AT THIS PLACE!

ITS THE SHINIGAMI!
SIR! DON'T MOVE!
DAMN IT!

GUWAH ..
WHAT..
SHIT!

GWAAAH!!!!

PRESIDENT!!!

AH.

HUH?

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RIGHT NOW THAT BOX HAS 200 KILOGRAMS OF YAKU THAT YOU WILL BE SELLING WITH US AS WELL.

HE'S TALKING SERIOUS BUSINESS AITY.

YOUR FACE WILL BE KNOWN ALONG WITH THE OTHERS IN THIS CITY.

WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THAT?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT OLD MAN?

HUH?

THAT I HAVE TO..

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

THE GOODS.

YOU LOOKED AFTER ME OLD MAN!

THIS ISN'T A CHILD'S GAME..ITS REALITY.

JUST WHAT ARE.

THATS WHAT I'M SAYING.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I DON'T GET YOU AT ALL!!

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YOU WILL FOLLOW THE SAME ROAD THAT HE DID, OR DID YOU THINK OTHERWISE?

YOU THINK I'D DO THAT AFTER YOUR DUMBASS FATHER FELL OUT OF ME?

IN ORDER FOR THE SEEDS TO GROW ANYTHING EDIBLE...

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR FATHER WHO DIDN'T GET THIS ENDED UP THE WAY THAT HE DID?

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WHAT ARE YOU SAYING.. HE DIED IN...

POPS ?

IN THIS WORLD ATTY YOU HAVE TO DO SOME DAMN SELFISH THINGS IN ORDER TO LIVE YOU CAN'T BE SOFT AND EXPECT TO GET ANYWHERE

HE WAS A STUBBORN MAN UP UNTIL THE END. I GAVE HIM A CHANCE TO LISTEN TO ME AND BE IN THE BIG LEAGUES ..BUT IT CAME TO NOTHING.

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YOU HAVE TO PUT WATER ON THEM.

STO...

IT SHOULD BE COMING HERE.

IT'S ABOUT TIME.

WAIT...WHAT ARE YOU...

BUT IN YOUR CASE ITS USELESS.

SHE MANASED TO GUN DOWN ONE OF OUR PARTNERS AND FOR OTHERS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM!

ITS SISTER MILITA WITHOUT A DOUBT!

SHIT !!

SHE'S ARRIVED!!

IS THAT HIM?

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ITS HER!!

!?

CALM DOWN! WHAT HAP-PENED?

WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM BOSS!

THE TRUCK THATS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US IS OK, BUT ITS UNABLE TO GO ANY-WHERE! ITS LIKE SHE PLANNED TO STOP IT FROM THE BEGINING TOO!

SHE'S ALREADY TAKEN OUT STEIRI AND THE OTHER GUYS!

NOW WE'RE ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!

EVEN IF ITS NOT LOOK-ING SO GOOD, GIVE ME SOME INFORMA-TION NOW!!

CALM DOWN I SAID! WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU OK?

JUST CALM DOWN, THERES NOTHING TO FEAR FROM ONE SHINIGAMI. I'LL TAKE EVERYTHING TO MY PLACE NEXT

Shit !!

CHANGE THE LO-CATION NOW! WE'LL TAKE IT TO THE CHERUSHI HIDEOUT FOR NOW, JUST LEAVE IT TO THE SECOND SQUAD!

WHAT BAD DAMN NEWS....

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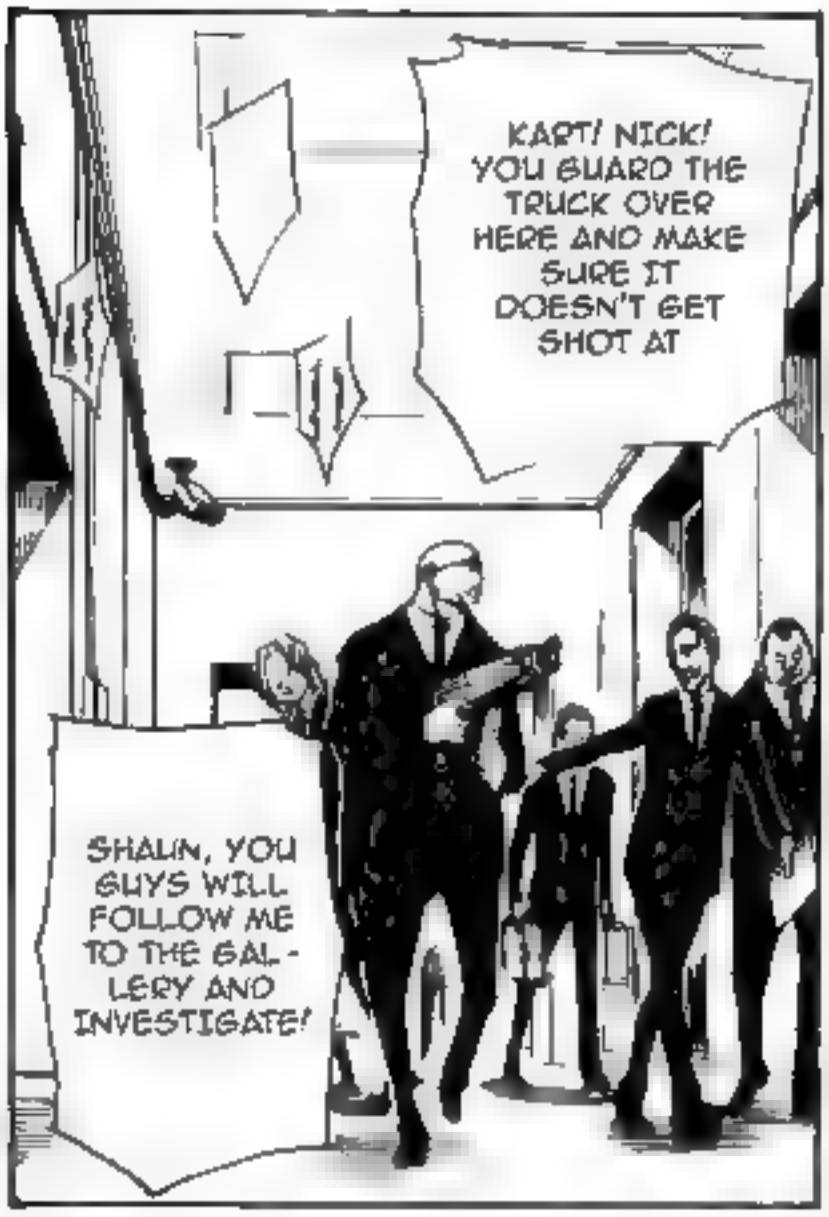
KART! NICK! YOU GUARD THE TRUCK OVER HERE AND MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T GET SHOT AT
SHALIN, YOU GUYS WILL FOLLOW ME TO THE GAL-LERY AND INVESTIGATE!

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SERVICE
NYC POLICE

BRIDGE

YES, YES ..WE'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANYMORE DELAYS
THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THIS PRESIDENT
WHAT IS GOING ON THERE HARRIS-KUN?

AND THEN AS FOR YOU GUYS.
MAKE SURE THAT YOU FIND THAT LITTLE MOUSE'S NECK AND CUT IT RIGHT OFF. THIS IS THE WILL OF THE PRESIDENT! SEACH ALL CORNERS AND FIND HER!

THIS IS REALITY YOU SEE? THERE'S NOT A THING TO BE SEEN HERE.

YES

TRY TO BE USEFUL.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE ATTY?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW?!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? WHAT HAVE I DONE?

WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE WHOLE GALLERY AND GET THEM SHIPPED OUT

MAKE SURE TO LOAD THE CHINESE 200 KILOGRAMS 98 PERCENT HEROINE

THE PAINTINGS THAT YOU WORKED SO HARD ON...DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE BEING USED FOR?

TWO HUNDRED MILLON FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND THIS WILL BE THE SEED TO GAINING IT ALL.

!?

WHATS WRONG WITH YOU STUPID BOY?

POPS...

BUT I WANTED TO BECOME THE BEST PANTER THERE WAS...

I HAD NO IDEA THAT YOU WERE DOING THIS

THATS WHY...

WHEN I WAS ONLY TRYING TO THANK YOU OLD MAN/

YOU HAD NO FORESITE SO OF COURSE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENING WOULD HAVE NEVER OCCURED TO YOU.

YOU WERE USEFUL FOR A WHILE, BUT NOW ITS TIME TO BE RID OF YOU.

WHAT WAIT/

WHAT..YOU'RE KIDDING!!

DO YOU GET IT NOW ATTY?

YOU CAN'T DO THIS! STOP!

GAHHHHH!

NOW CHOOSE! YOUR FATHER'S PATH? OR MINE?!

AH...

GYAH...!

THAT VOICE!

A..TTY ?

16FT.

WHAT?

HUH?

?

WHAT THE HELL?

THE SHIN-IGAMI!

ATTY!!

ATTY!?

WHAT THE HELL?!

POUND HER OVER THERE!

BITCH!

!!

MEA CULPA

AAAA

MEA CULPA

MEA CULPA

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!!

THERE SHE IS!

YOU MUST KILL COUNTLESS TIMES...

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ハアッ

BUT..

!!

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE FOR ME.

THIS IS ALL I CAN DO.

BUT..

YOU DAMNED SHINIGAMI!!!

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BUT INSTEAD WHO COMES TO GREET ME? SOMEBODY WHO'S JOB IT IS INSTEAD TO DESTROY AN ART GALLERY?

THEY SAID YOU ARE A LEGEND! I ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE AT LEAST ONCE THE SHINIGAMI'S FACE THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ALL OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE HEARD!

AHAHAHAH!

AND NOW YOU THINK YOU CAN TOUCH ME? THE SHIPMENTS HAVE ALREADY GONE UNDER GROUND! THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY FOR THE LIKES OF YOU NOW HUH?!

I HAD NO IDEA THAT THE GREAT SISTER MILITA WAS ACTUALLY A LITTLE GIRL. I GUESS RUMORS ARE NOTHING BUT LIES AFTER ALL!

(·)

A....

...TTY

!!

!!

DON'T TELL ME YOU ACTUALLY MET THAT GUY BEFORE?!

WHAT'S THIS? YOUR FACE.. YOU KNOW HIM?

HAHAHA... WHAT THE HELL...

WHAT THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

THAT WOMAN....IN THAT GAP SHE...?!

YOU LOOK PRETTY GOOD IN THOSE SUNGLASSES!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GLASSES I BOUGHT YOU?

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

A...

!!!

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BUT...

I'

HUH?!

AHAHAAH .. WHAT? YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT BEING A SCHOOL TEACHER WHEN WE WERE WALKING ALONG..AND YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

AM I WRONG IN SAYING THAT I KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

YOU'VE PROBABLY MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

I DON'T KNOW YOU ATTY!

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING! THERES NOTHING FOR ME!

.....

THOSE

THOSE EYES!

WHAT..

TA...

TIS

SISTER!

IF YOU TWO GOOD BUD-DIES WOULD LIKE TO TALK, YOU CAN DO IT IN HEAVEN.

CALL THAT NAME!!!

DON'T YOU DARE

YOU'VE GOTTEN IN THE WAY OF MY IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS AND PLANS FOR THE PAST TIME.

SHUT YOUR MOUTH.

THATS ALL I'VE KNOWN IS SOLITUDE!

AND THATS ALL I CAN LIVE FOR!

I'VE BEEN ALONE EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD!

YOU'RE WRONG!

.....

( )

THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR ME! EVERYTHING IS!!

ATTY!

ATTY!

I'VE ALREADY LOST EVERY-THING LONG AGO!

EVERY-ONE IS WRONG!

SISTER MILITA!

YOU'VE DUG YOUR OWN HOLE AND WILL SLEEP IN IT TO-NIGHT

JEALOUS OF YOU.

I'M JUST A BIT

BUT...

I'M SO SORRY..

I'M SO SORRY..

SORRY..

YOU MUSN'T COME CLOSE

I'M SO SORRY...

NOTHING BUT A COWARD YOU SEE.

I AM..

ATTY.

GOOD BYE...

DID YOU SAY SOME-THING...? I COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

!!

...

YOU WERE CRYING ....

WHAT ARE YOU SORRY FOR?

.....

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THE FAINT SMELL OF GUNPOWDER ON YOU, WHICH ISN'T USUAL....ANYTHING THE MATTER?

THE MISSION WAS COMPLETED

JOUSAI-SAMA.

EXCELLENT WORK

.....

NO

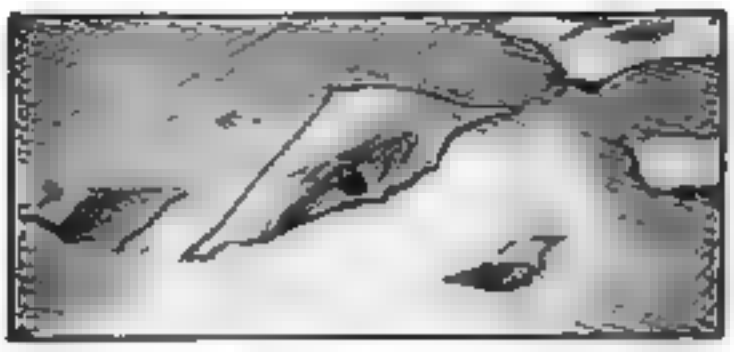
PLEASE GO ON.

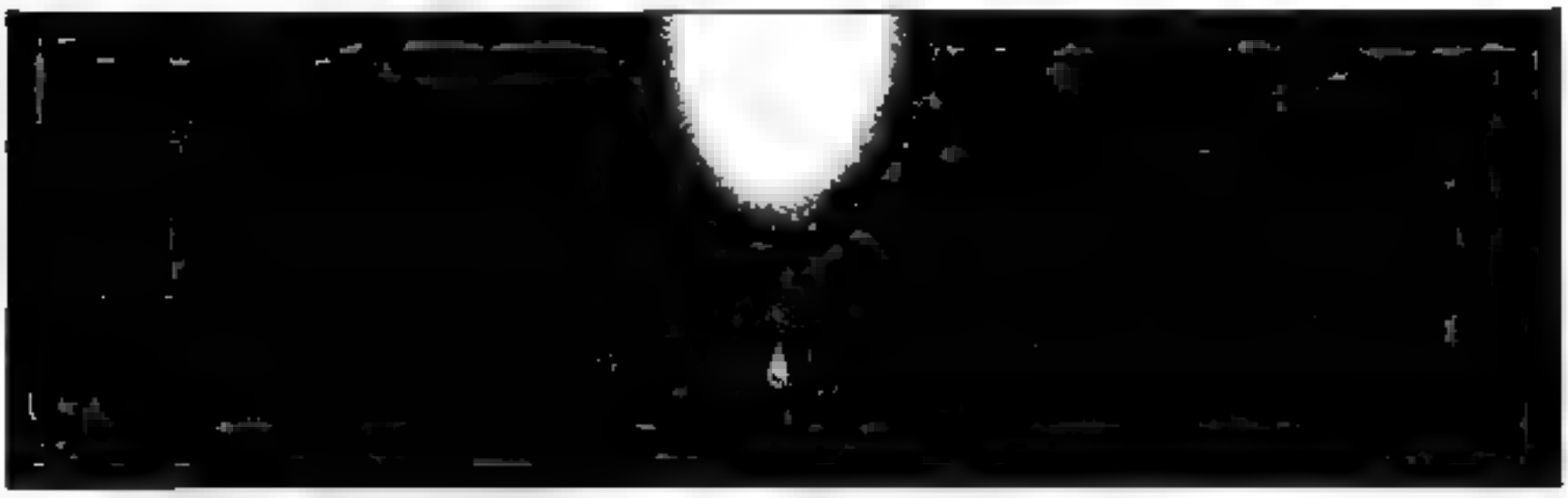
AT THAT TIME, WERE YOU REALLY LAUGHING? WAS THAT REALLY WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE WHEN YOU SMILED?

MUSEUM

TISTA?

WHERE DID YOU GO?





MEETING FALSE MEMORIES..... **TISTA**

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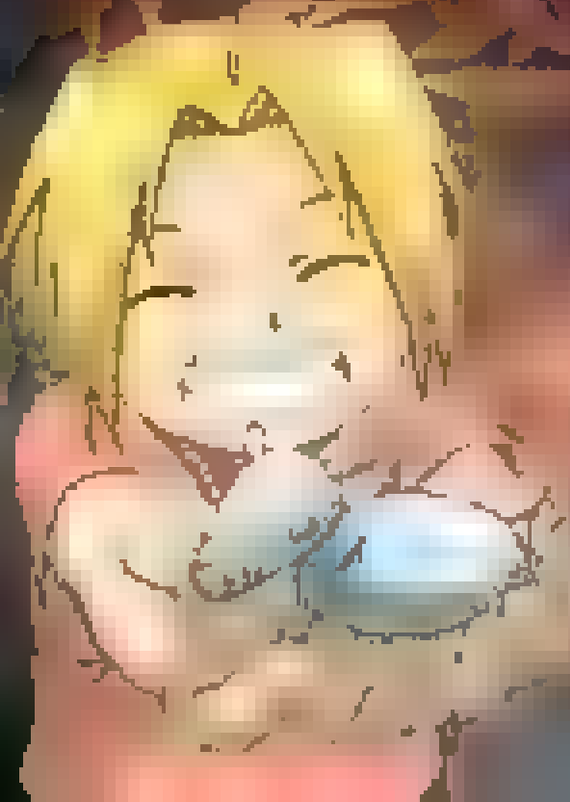
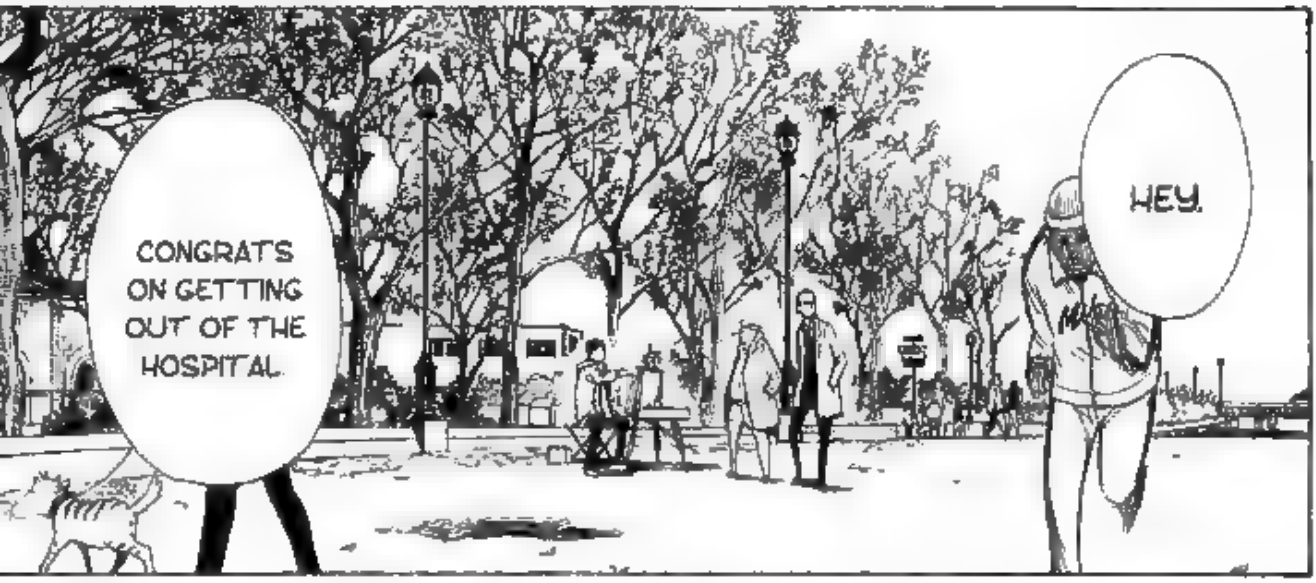


NYC, WRAPPED IN GLOOM...
TISTA


CONGRATS ON GETTING OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.
HEY.

YOU'RE GOOD AT MEMORIZING PEOPLE'S FACES, AREN'T YOU?
I WAS THINKING THAT YOU COULD EASILY DRAW A PORTRAIT
YOU'RE OUTTA LUCK.

I DIDN'T SEE THE ASSASSIN, I TELL YA! I WAS UNCONSCIOUS.
POP!
WHAT? DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO QUESTION ME? HAVEN'T I ALREADY TALKED WITH ENOUGH DETECTIVES?

SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY SURVIVOR
DON'T SAY THAT
LOOK, YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT WITNESS.

HEY, MAC. WHY DON'T WE HAND THE MILITIA CASE OVER TO THE FBI?
RELAX— THERE'S NO NEED TO WORK SO HARD
YOU IDIOT HOW WOULD IT LOOK IF WE - THE NYPD - DIDN'T CATCH NEW YORK'S SERIAL KILLER?
BUT THIS IS A VERY POOR PICTURE.
MY HAND IS STILL SORE, I TELL YA! 'CAUSE I'M IN REHAB, REHAB!
WELL... IF YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING, DROP ME A LINE.
OKAY!
HEY, HEY!
HOTDOGS!! WANT TO EAT SOME?
Since th cold.
YOU BIG IDIOT! WE'RE GOING RIGHT BACK TO THE STATION TO INVESTIGATE THE PERP'S ESCAPE ROUTE.
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TISTA

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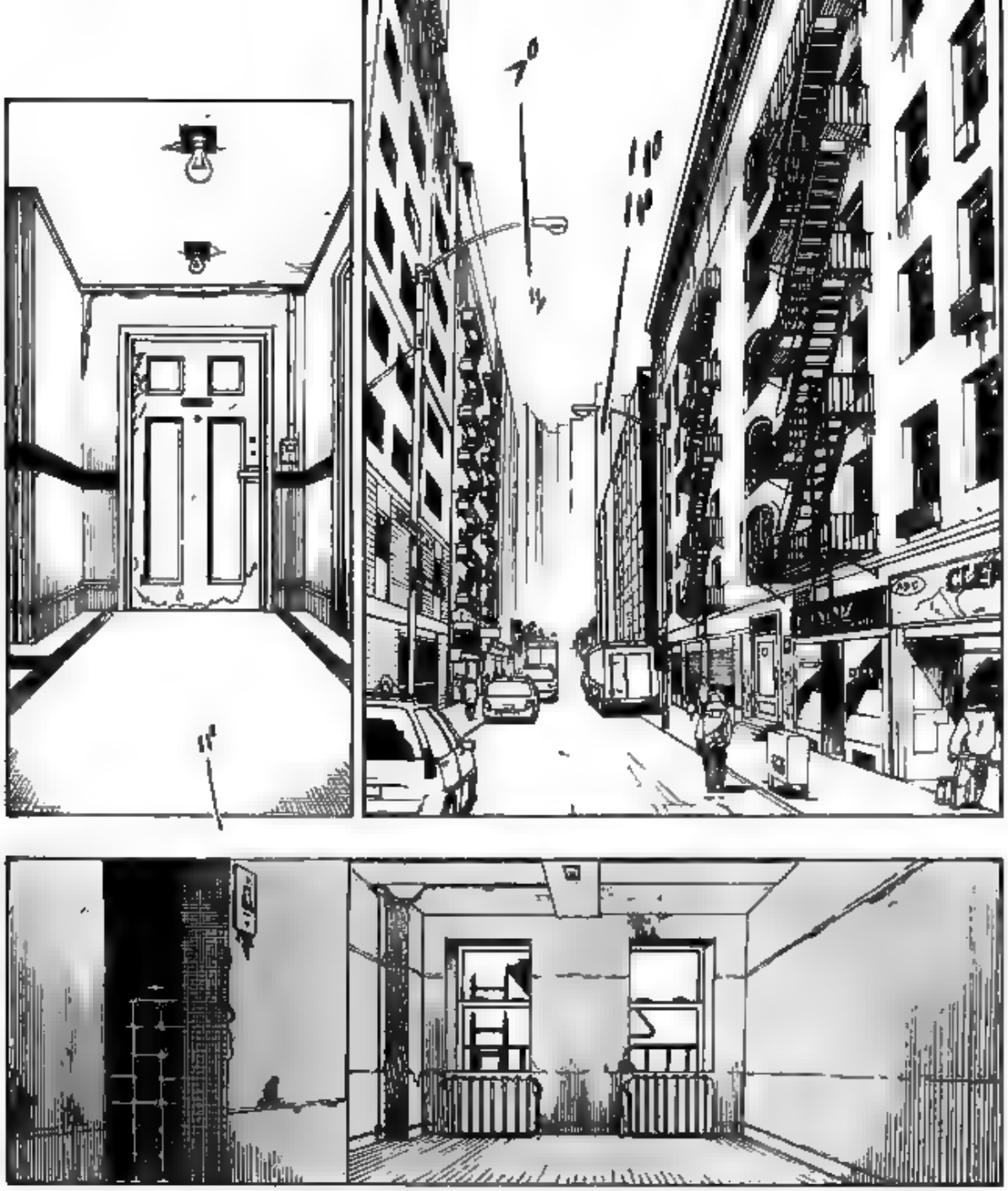
Endou Tatsuya

T/L NOTE: THE LATIN INSCRIPTION ON THE RIFLE, "IN HOC SIGNO" ("IN THIS SIGN"), IS A REFERENCE TO THE VISION OF THE ROMAN EMPEROR CONSTANTINE. "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES," "IN THIS SIGN, YOU WILL CONQUER" IN BOTH CASES, THE SIGN REFERRED TO IS THE CROSS.



TISTA?
HUH?

HEY!
OH... DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW HOW TO CONTACT HER OR WHERE SHE LIVES?
HEY? AREN'T YOU ARTY!?
Hum
SHE'S MISSED ALL OF THE LECTURES FOR GOING ON 2 WEEKS.
NO, SHE HASN'T COME..
.. IZZAT SO?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, YOU IDIOT!!
Really?
STALK-ING?
WHAT? WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ASKING ABOUT WHERE A GIRL LIVES?
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE
じっ...
IT'S NOT THAT, REALLY!!

JUST
Terrible... Arty, you idiot...
SOMETHING I CAN'T GET OUT OF MY MIND... I'M WORRIED...
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT I DON'T KNOW HER
I SAID IT WASN'T LIKE THAT!!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT A STALKER DOES, ISN'T IT!?
WAHAHA! SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FINALLY CHASING GIRLS, TOO!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYIN'!!
IT'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH YOU!!
WHAT IS THIS, ARTY!? WHILE I'M AROUND~~!!
Any time you're lonely!!
I'M GOING TO WORK.
GUFFAW-HAHA! THE GENERAL OF GLOOM!!
YOU'RE SO LUCKY!!
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS!?
BWA HA HA HA HA HA!!
HUH? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH BEHAVING LIKE A STALKER?
NO, IT WAS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS FATHER!
DIDN'T HIS UNCLE GET KILLED?
OH, THE ONE AT THE MUSEUM
ACHOO!
OH, HEY, COULD IT BE? THE DRUG INCIDENT!
WHAT'S UP? WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM

IT'S REALLY LIKE I WAS CHASING A FEMALE ASSASSIN OR SOMETHING.
HA! YOU WATCH TOO MUCH TV!
WAS SHE SNATCHED BY THE MAFIA OR SOMETHING?
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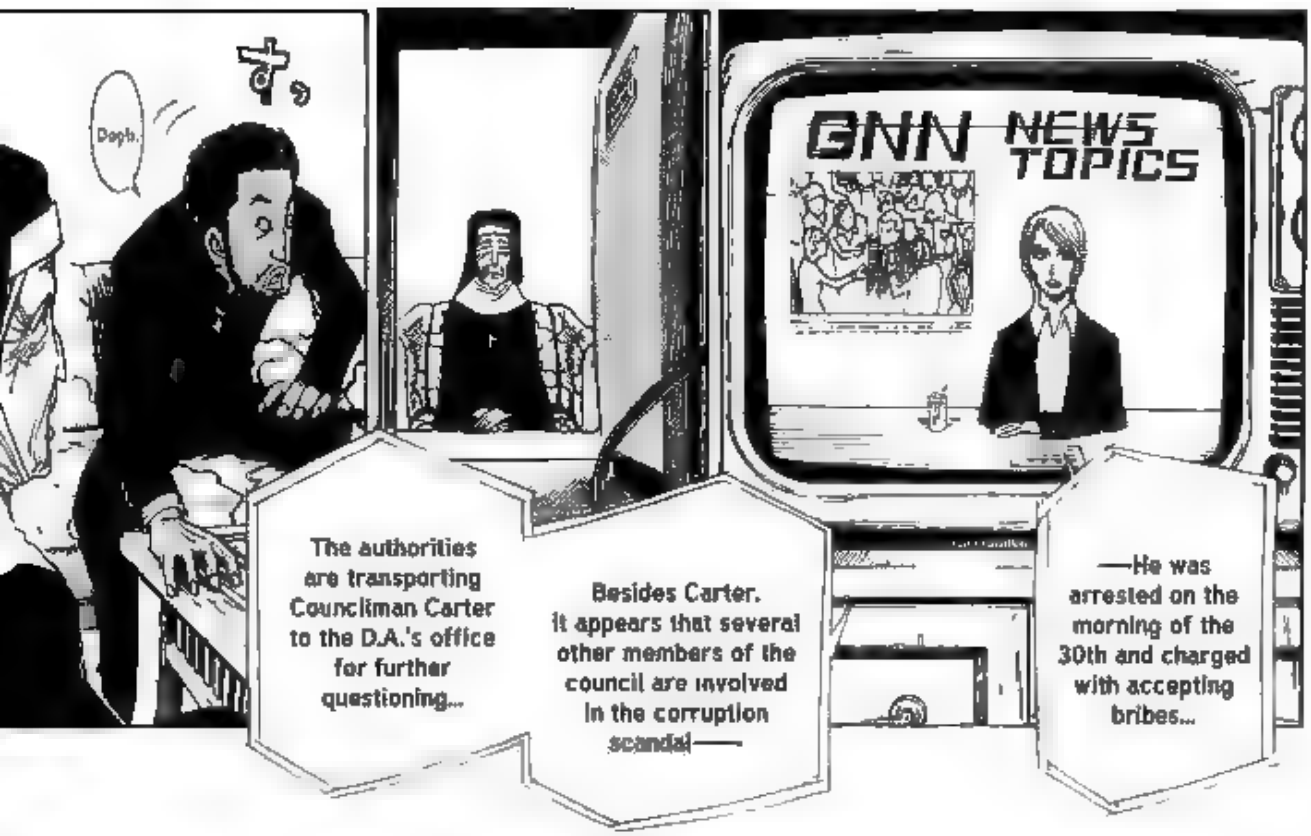
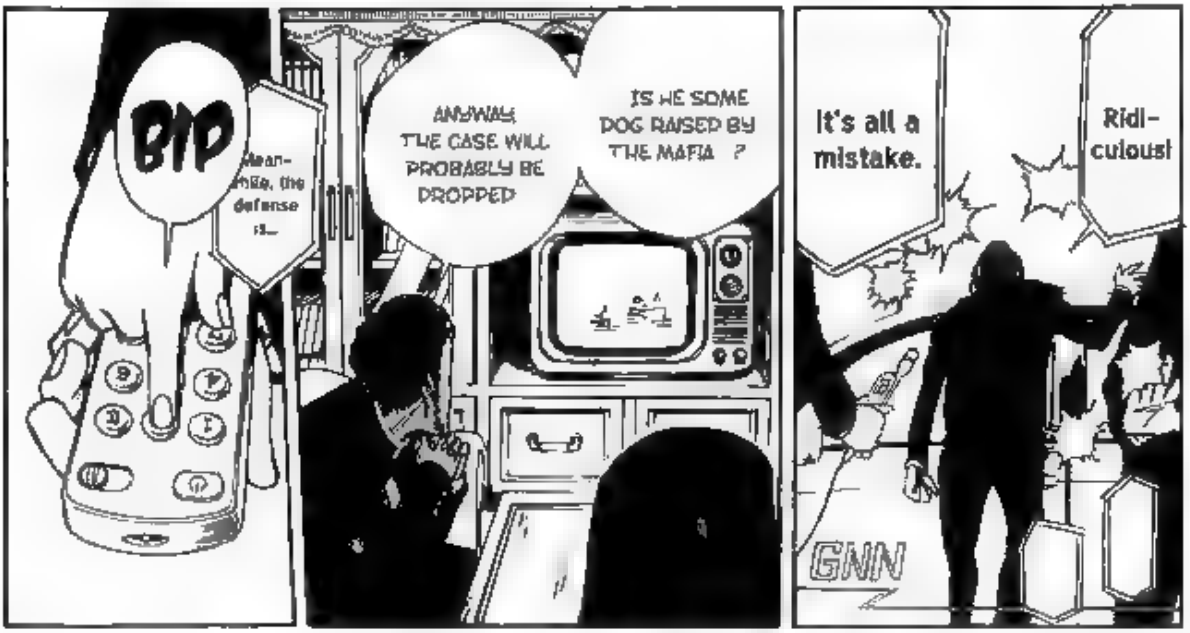

Dept.
BNN NEWS TOPICS
The authorities are transporting Councilman Carter to the D.A.'s office for further questioning...
Besides Carter, it appears that several other members of the council are involved in the corruption scandal——
——He was arrested on the morning of the 30th and charged with accepting bribes...

Call him here! I'll sue him! Huh!?
I accepted bribes? Who told you that!


BIP
Meanwhile, the defense is...
ANYWAY, THE CASE WILL PROBABLY BE DROPPED
IS HE SOME DOG RAISED BY THE MAFIA ?
It's all a mistake.
Ridiculous!
GNN

BLUNDERMAN!!
THE HERO OF JUSTICE,

AY!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM!?
SEE HERE, CHILDREN!!
YAA

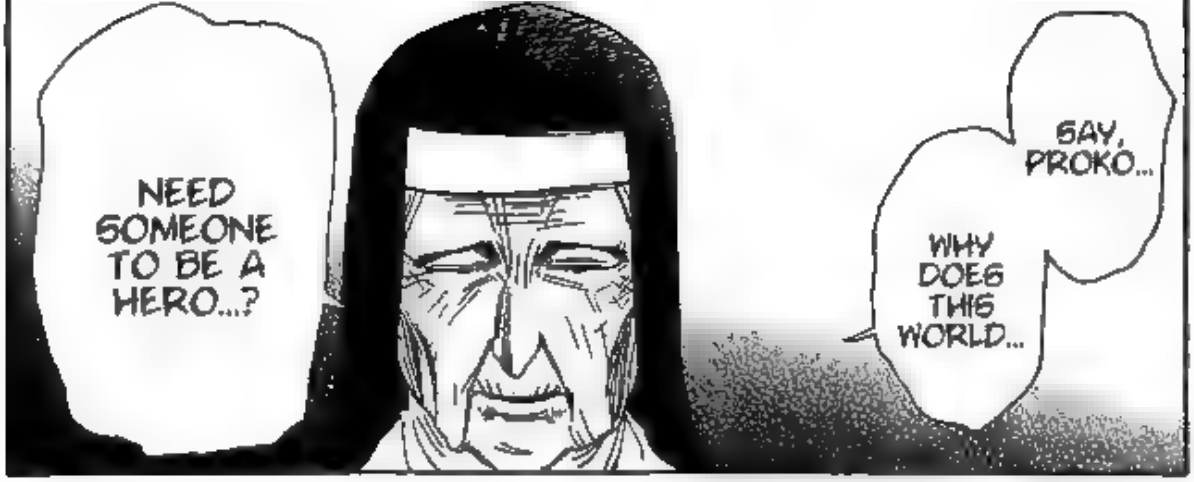
KILL HIM!!
DO HIM IN!!
Take that!! Personal bankruptcy chop!!

That's far enough, man of big business!!
Me won't permit evil in this town!!

On top of that, the low wage you pay part time workers makes me explode!!
Rampant evil makes me explode with rage!!

...!
BLUNDERMAN CONTINUES TO JUDGE EVIL IN PLACE OF HEAVEN!! ARE TRANQUIL DAYS IN STORE FOR HIM!?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MOTHER!
THE LORD OUR FATHER IS ALWAYS SAYING TO HATE AND DRIVE OUT EVIL. ISN'T HE!?
LET'S SLEEP LET'S SLEEP
OH, THAT WAS INTERESTING.
"BLUNDER-MAN TAKES A VACATION!"
NEXT TIME ON BLUNDER-MAN:
SEE YOU!
EXTREME, ISN'T IT?
THAT'S SOME-WHAT
OW!! I'M A GOOD BOY! I EVEN ATE MY BELL PEPPERS AT SUPPER!
WE SHOULD PUT EVILDOERS TO DEATH!
SHE'S EXHAUSTED AND SLEEPING IN HER ROOM.
BROTHER PROKO. WHAT ABOUT THAT CHILD?



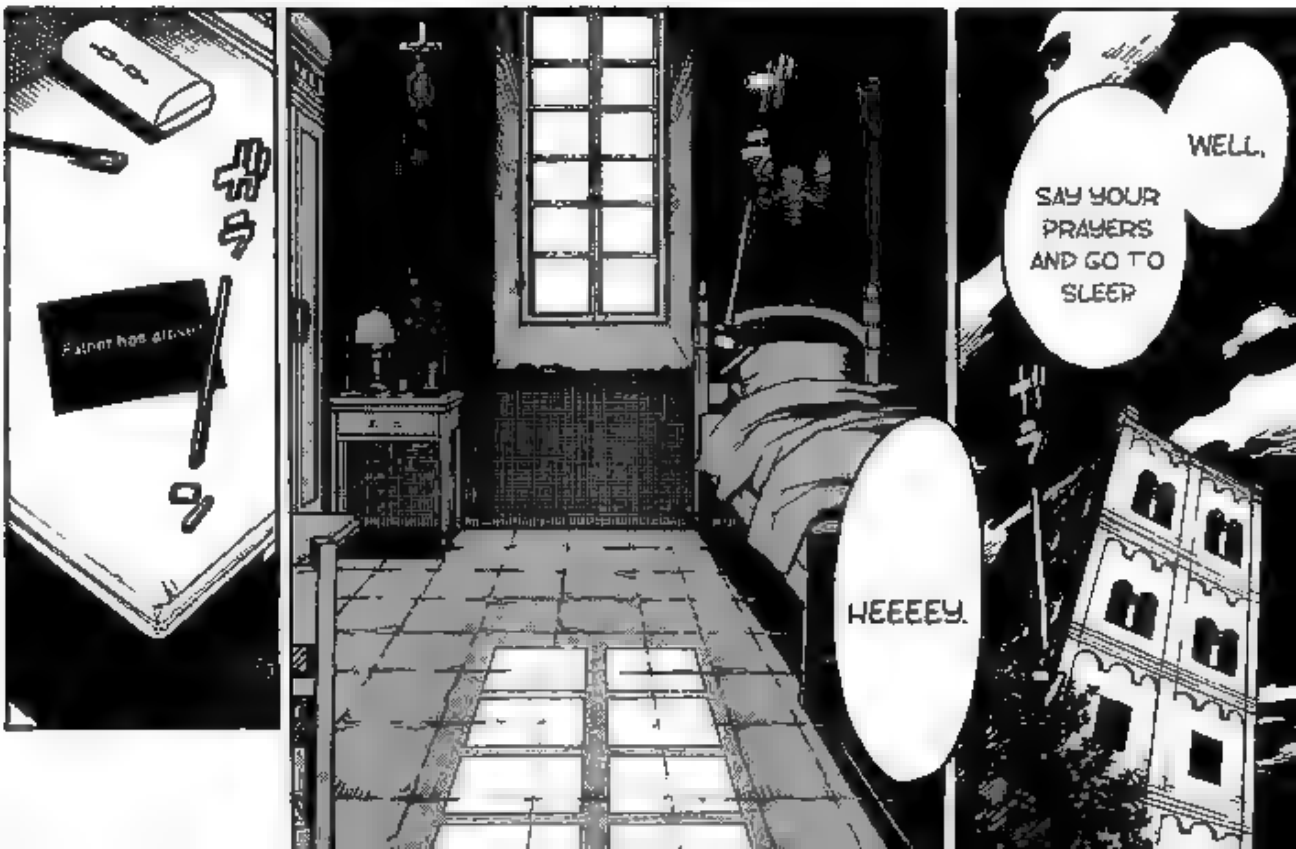
God whispers this in our heads...

To cast out the demons who scatter wretchedness among people

ROGER!!
Follow me, Ed!!
Great! Now that we know that, let's hurry up and go tease her!!
HEY, STOP!

WHAT!? TISTA IS STAYING HERE IN THE CLOISTERS WITH US?
UH, YEAH

DARN.
.....
RIGHT NOW... WON'T YOU STAY QUIET FOR ME.. ?

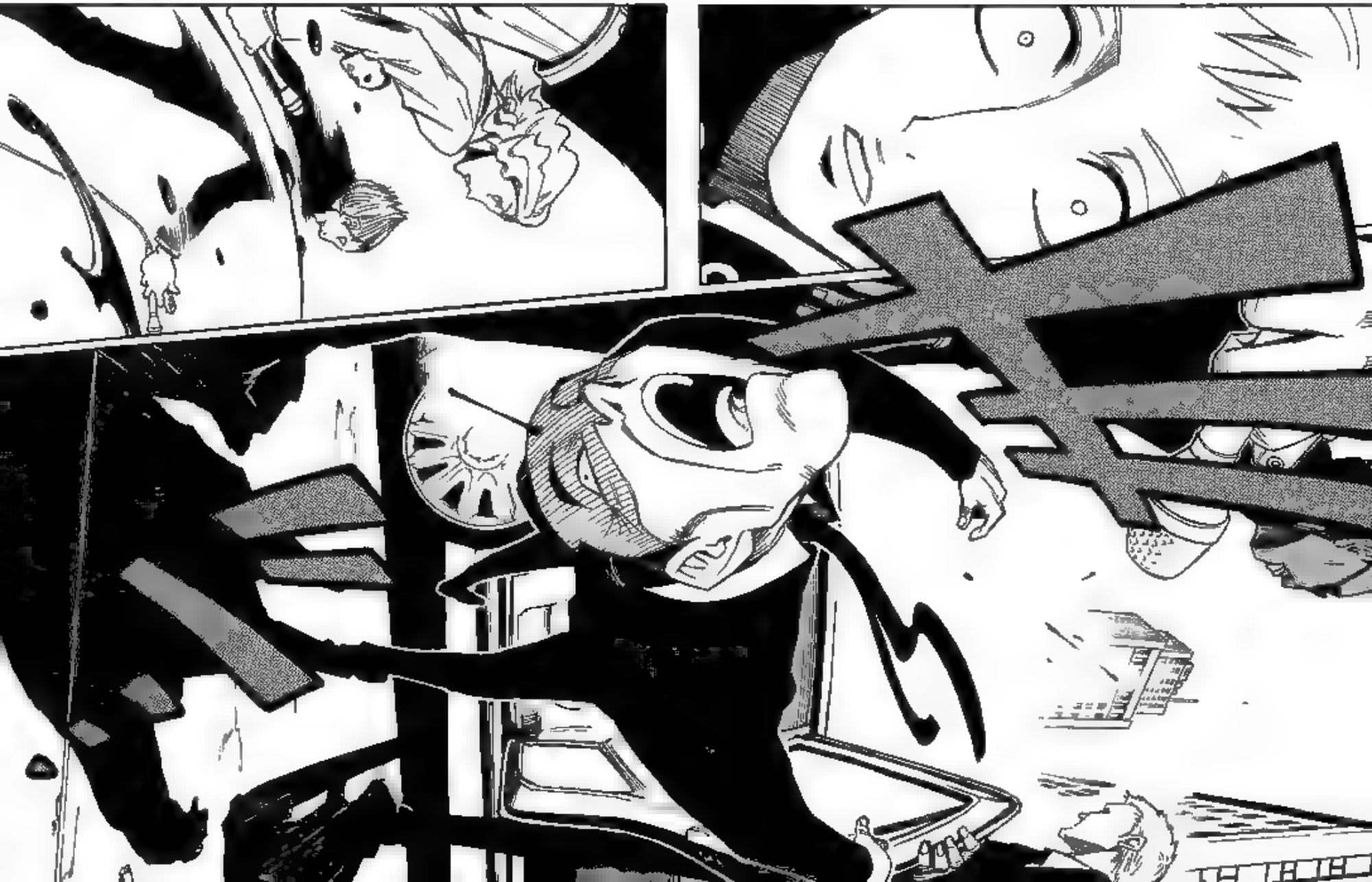

Father has arrived
HEEEEY.
WELL, SAY YOUR PRAYERS AND GO TO SLEEP

SHE SUDDENLY LEFT.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL... IT'S FAR FROM EASY TO FIND PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD...
JUST AS I THOUGHT, SHE'S NOT THERE HER PERMANENT ADDRESS IS ALSO FALSE
SHE ALWAYS WAS A STRANGE LASS.
A VERY GLOOMY KID!! SHE'S NO GOOD FOR YOU!!
BUT SHE NEVER TALKS TO ANYONE, AND NO ONE KNOWS HER CELL NUMBER OR WHERE SHE HANGS OUT
MY UNDER-CLASS FRIEND SAYS THAT SHE'S IN THE SAME CLASS AS THAT KID, SEE!
Tap Tap

DESPITE THAT .
WHAT SHE DID TO UNCLE...
...I WONDER WHY..
WHY ARE YOU CHASING SOMEONE LIKE HER!?
Glare
I'm right here..
If you need a girlfriend
Nina..
HMM...
I WONDER IF SHE'S LIKE ME.
I HAVE TO DO A THOROUGH SEARCH...
HUH?
BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO... SINCE I CAN'T ASK THE ASSISTANT INSPECTOR, OLD MAN MACKY .

OH...
IS THAT ABOUT THE CORRUPTION SCANDAL.
HUMM
MR. COLLINS AND MR. BRYANT ARE ALSO SUSPECTED
ABOUT THE CITY COUNCIL
MR. CARTER, CAN YOU GIVE US A COMMENT.
WHAT IS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GIFT FROM
I DON'T KNOW! I KNOW NOTHING!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?
WHAT IS THE CITY COUNCIL DOING ABOUT THE CURRENT CORRUPTION SCANDAL

THAT'S GOT NOTHIN' TA DO WITH ME..



KEE..
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
WAAA

.....
YOU... ARE YOU THERE!? TIS...

SURELY SHE'S THERE... ABSOLUTELY...!! SHE IS... SURELY.
... SURELY??
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
...?? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ARTY DRAWER!? MOVE!! RUN TO THAT BUILDING!!

WHAT HAPPENED, SISTER?
ARE YOU FEELING OK?
I'M FINE...
A LITTLE. MY EYES' CONDITION IS.
THAT ISN'T GOOD I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE THE DOCTOR THIS TIME.
TREAT THOSE EYES WITH GREAT CARE.
PLEASE TREAT THE LIGHT WHICH THOSE EYES CATCH WITH GREAT CARE.
ぎゅっ…
...SAY, TISSIE? THIS INFORMATION IS JUST SOMETHING THAT I PERSONALLY INVESTIGATED TO THE UTMOST.

"ONE SURVIVOR, AN ORDINARY PERSON, WAS AT THE SCENE."
POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS
THE INCIDENT AT THE WEST GEENO MUSEUM TWO WEEKS AGO.
ACCORDING TO POLICE RECORDS,
IT WASN'T MADE PUBLIC, BUT
THUMP
HEY.
LOOK, TISSIE.
SHRUG
IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT I HEARD.
NO, NO, IF MY BASELESS SUSPICION IS TOO GREAT, LET'S PUT IT AWAY IN OUR HEART'S.
UM.
THAT'S

NEW YORK CITY'S HERO! GUARDIAN OF JUSTICE! THE CITY'S FAVORITE SON!
HELPS THE WEAK, CRUSHES THE STRONG!!
GO DAM
BUT NONE OF THE TOWNSFOLK KNOW THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE HERO.
I KNOW. THE TV CARTOON.
IT'S BLUNDER-MAN
The Blunder of my life
It is a Bu Bu Bu Blunder!
HEY, IT WAS INTERESTING, AND I WENT SO FAR AS TO BORROW THE DVD
Ha ha.
LATELY, I'VE TRIED WATCHING IT WITH THE CHILDREN.
HUH ?
HE DOES NOTHING BUT PLAY DATING SIMS AT HOME.
Thanks to that, he's 35 and has no girlfriend.
Brother
ORDINARILY HE'S A WORTHLESS FELLOW WHO ISN'T POPULAR
.....
JUST KIDDING.
Ha ha.
NO, WHAT IS THAT? SURELY THAT ISN'T A REASON TO BE UNPOPULAR?
.. THE FACT IS, HE KNOWS.
THAT HE'S A PERSON WHO IS TARGETED BY THE HOST'S OF EVIL.
THAT IF HE'S INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE, THAT PERSON WOULD BE IN DANGER
SISTER.
CHUNK

THE COUNCIL IS ALSO SUSPICIOUS OF YOUR SUDDENLY MOVING OUT OF YOUR APARTMENT AND SKIPPING SCHOOL.
TOOT
GOD GIVES US CRUEL TRIALS AT TIMES.
YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THIS...
DON'T FORGET THIS.
PLEASE, AT THE VERY LEAST,
BOTH FOR YOUR SAKE... AND FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S SAKE...
CRUMPLE

2 Councilmen, 1 attorney - Murdered!!

Starting with Mr. Carter, three people connected with the corruption have been murdered one after another! Right now, the press are thronging in front of City Hall.
Here is a live report from City Hall.
CNN

STOP IT, PLEASE, MAC... WE DON'T HAVE MONEY TO BUY A NEW TV.
MAKING A BIG SHOW WHEN WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A CLUE!!
SHIT!!
BANG
BANG
According to a recent press conference held by the NYPD...

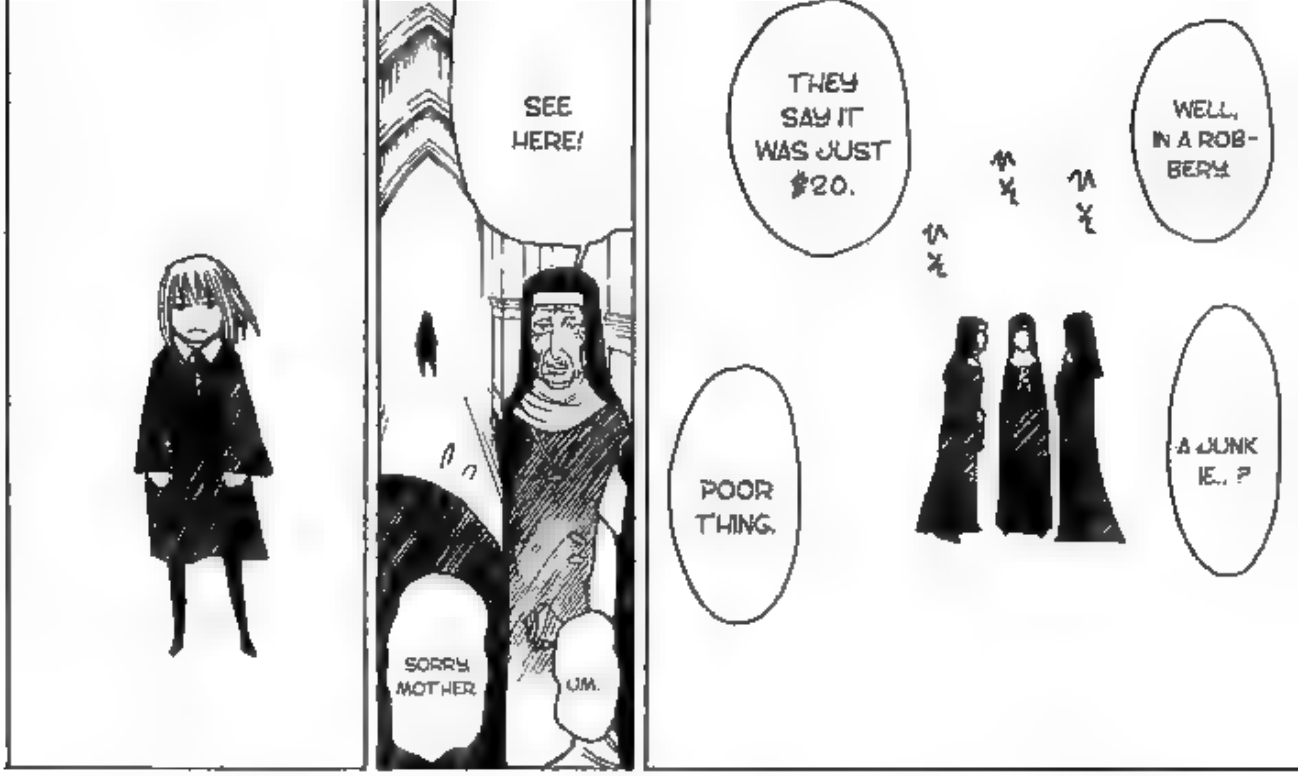
WHAT IS SHE DOING...
WHAT THE HELL IS SHE DOING?
...Well, the ESU - Emergency Service Unit - is guarding the premises...
SHIT!!

FOR GOD'S SAKE, WERE YOU READY FOR THIS!?
Rock
"LET ME GUESS... YOU'RE AIMING TO BE A TEACHER OR SOMETHING?"
!!
Eh

COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
.....
HACK

No parents, orphaned or abandoned, cast outs devoid of sparkling eyes or words.

The children who come here are at first all alike.

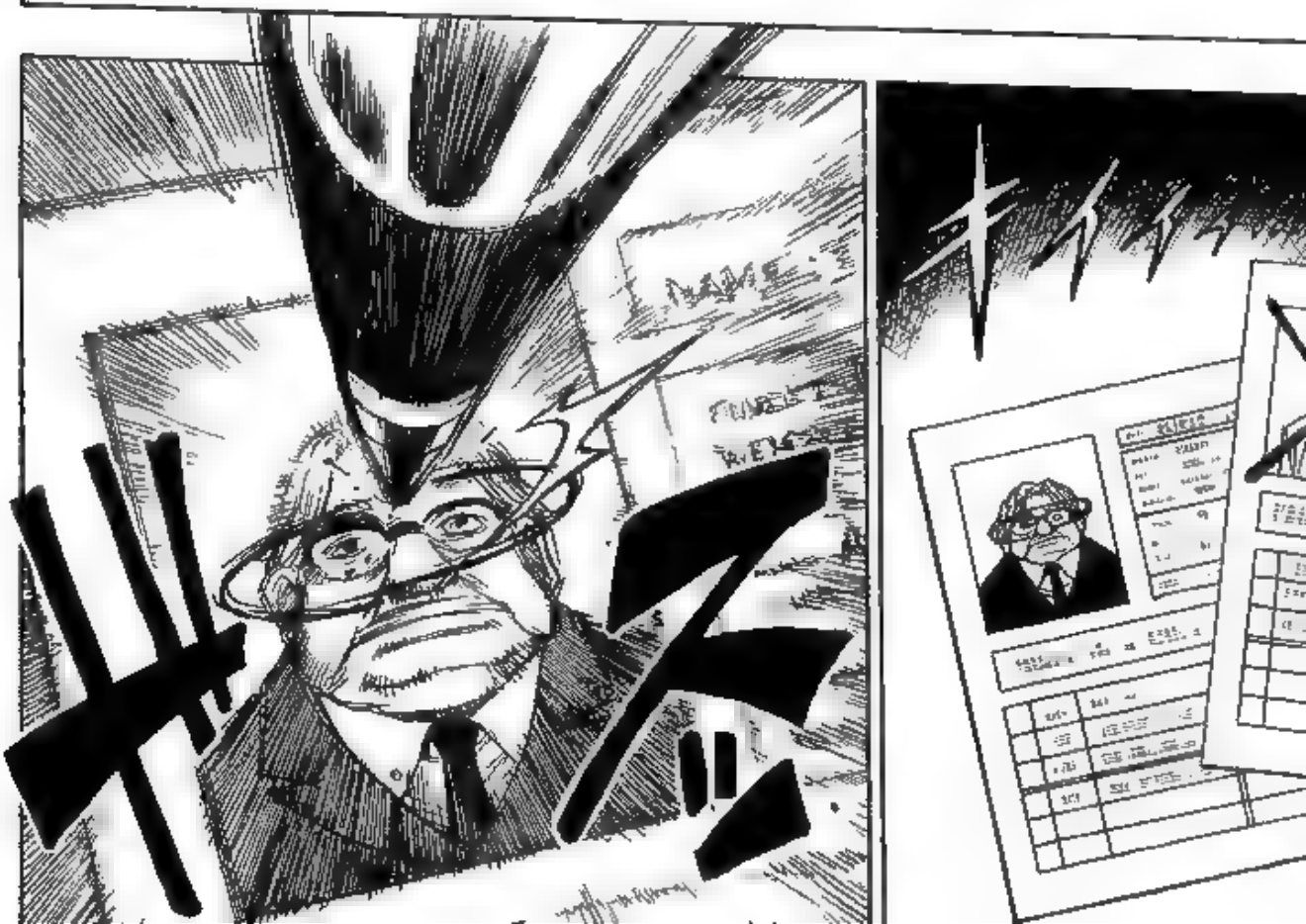


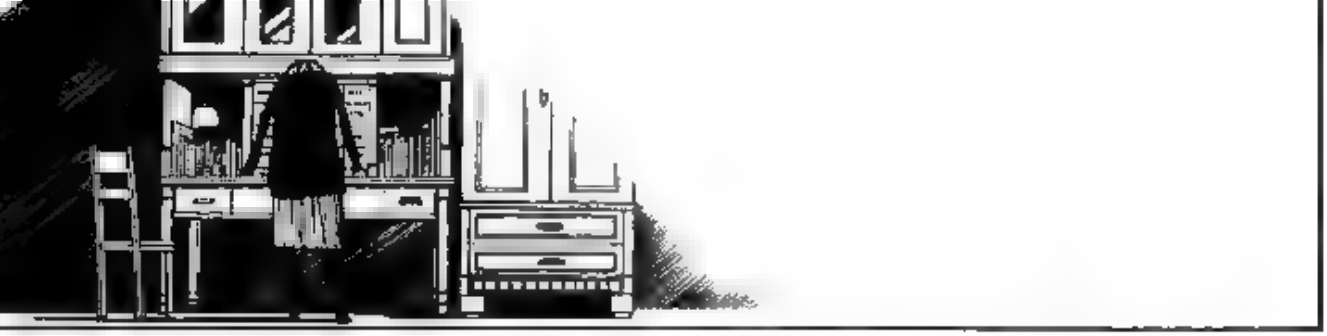
TAI TISTA CALLS BROTHER POOKO "OJISAN" WHICH IS LITERALLY UNCLE, BUT IS ALSO USED TO REFER TO MIDDLE-AGED MEN IN GENERAL.

Even though it would be better if the bad men disappeared.

THUS... I'M FINE...
DEACON PROKO.
HEH HEH HEH.
HEH HEH..

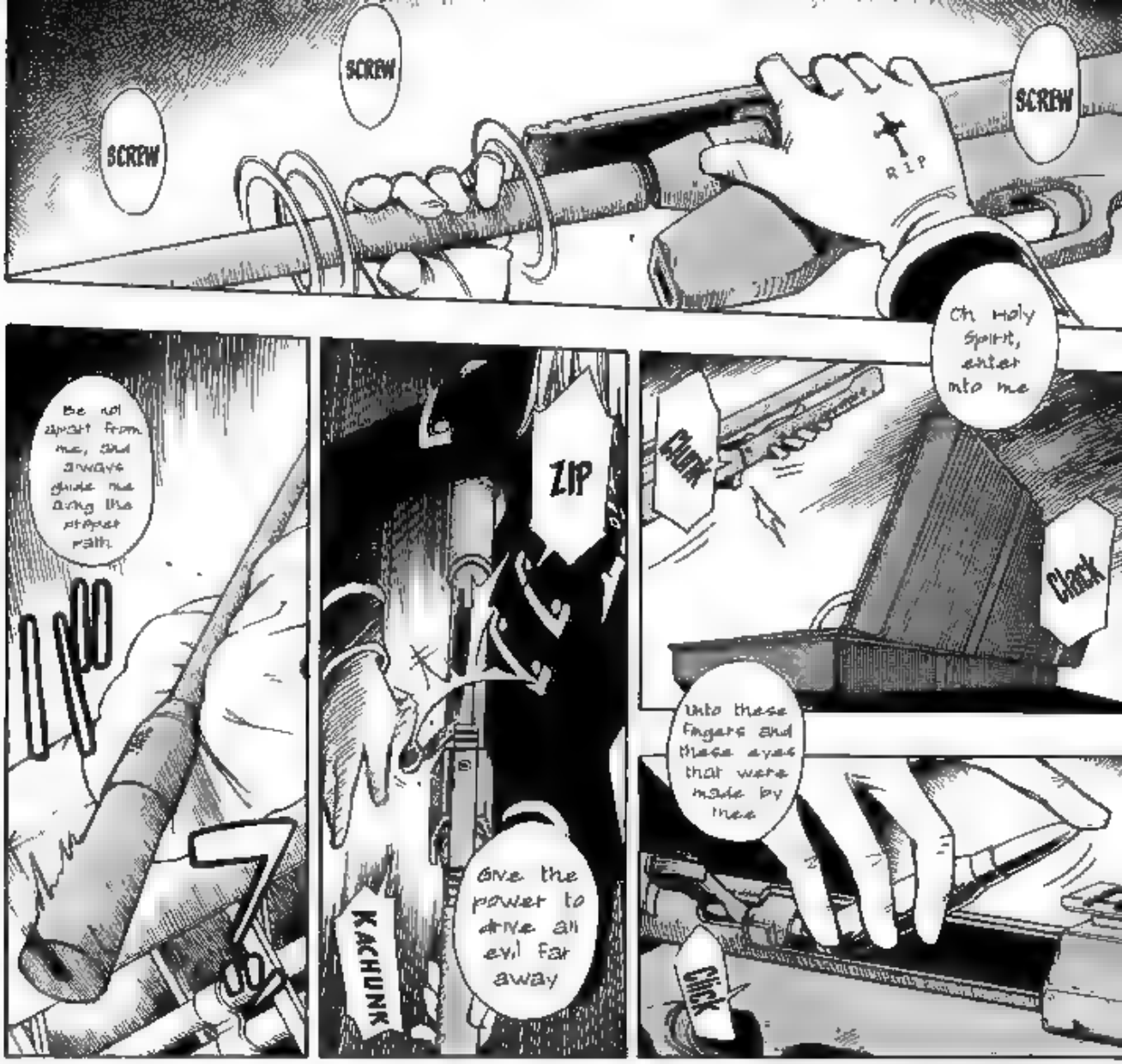
I AM JUST SEARCHING FOR THE LORD; JUST A POOR SOLDIER BENDING A BOW IN THE SERVICE OF LORD'S KINGDOM.





This mission alone affirms me.

LISTEN UP! I WANT YOU TO KEEP AN ESPECIALLY CLOSE WATCH ON THE WINDOWS AND ROOFS OF THE BUILDINGS THAT OVERLOOK THE EAST SIDE EMERGENCY EXIT!!
SINCE OUR OPPONENT IS THE SERIAL KILLER, I WONDER IF IT'S ENOUGH ..
THIS IS TWICE NORMAL SECURITY
POLICE
EMERGENCY
SERVICE


SCREW
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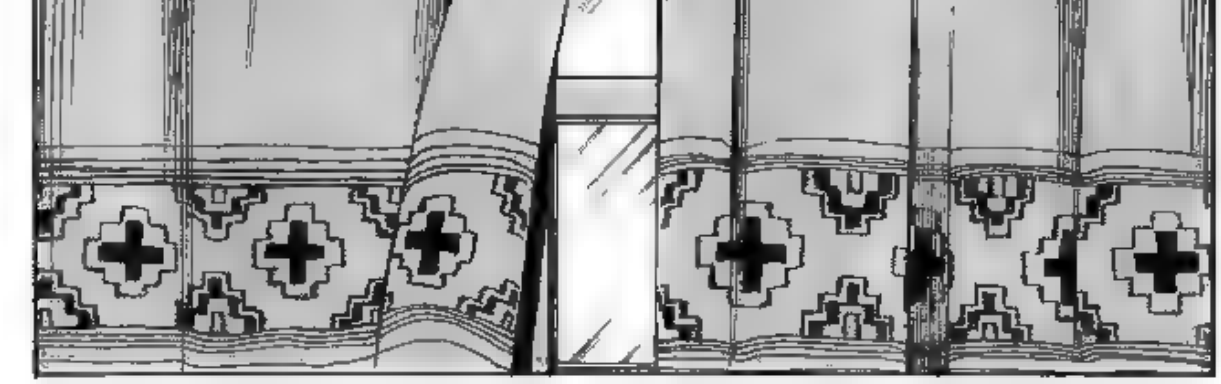
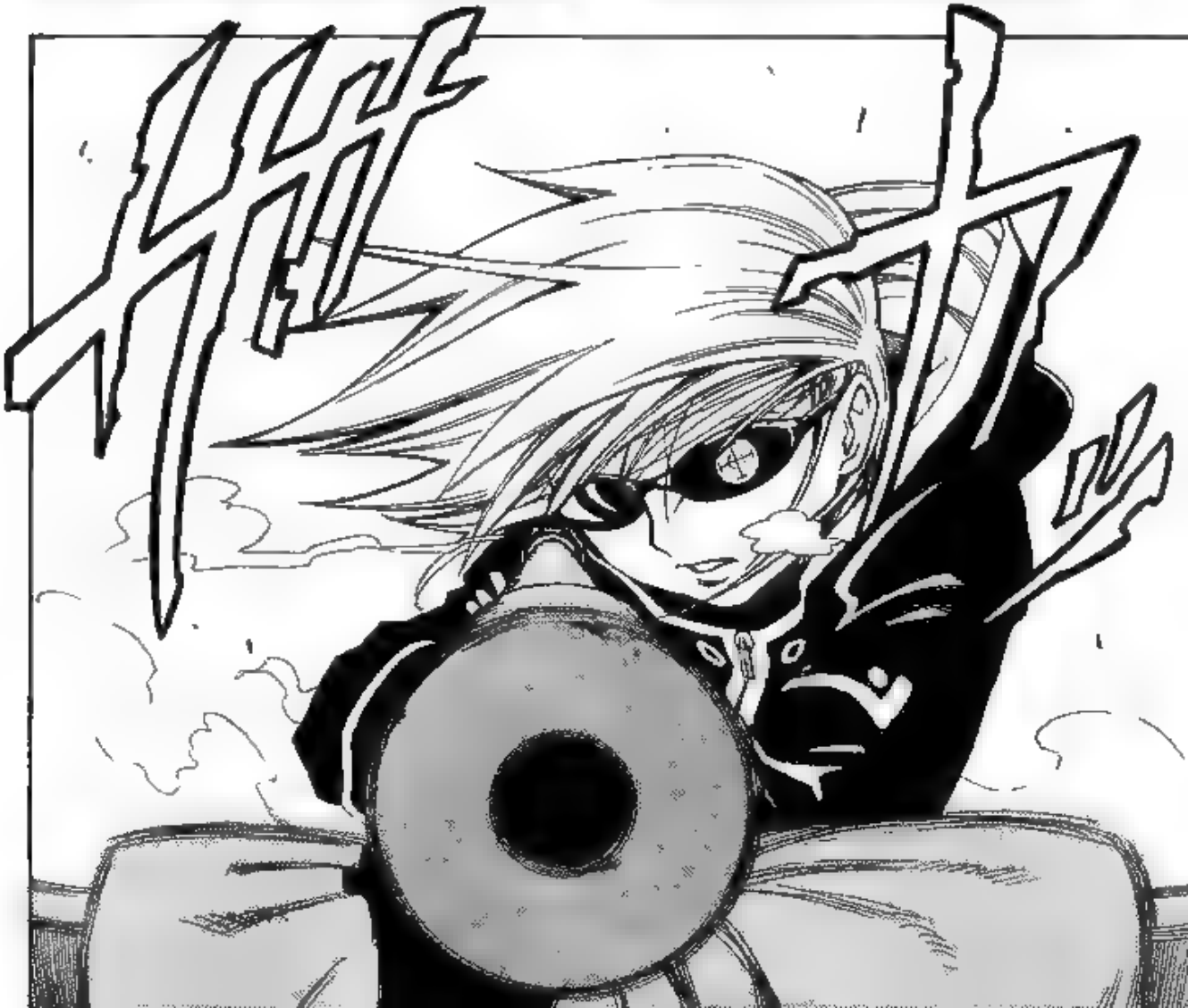
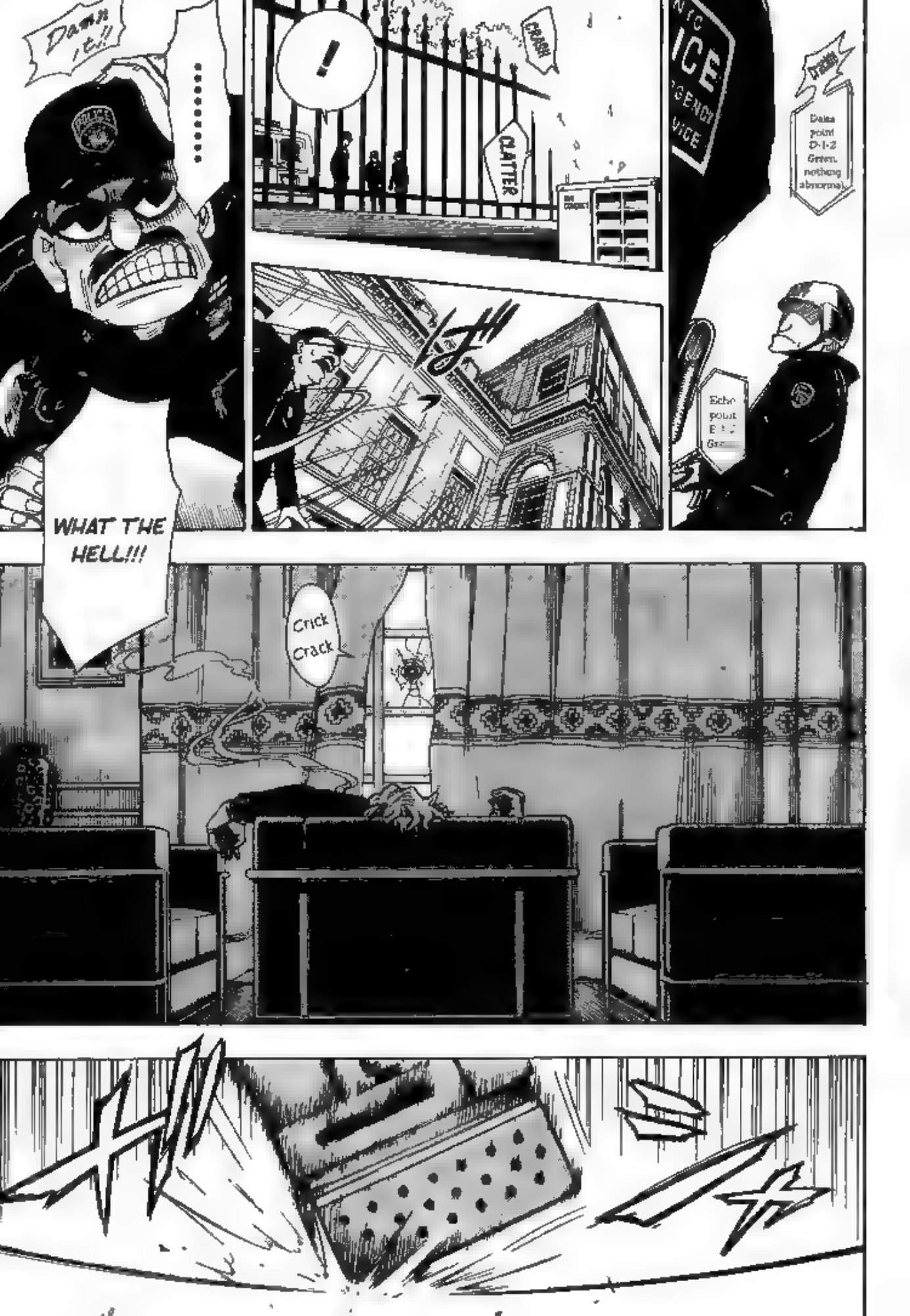
R I P
Be not apart from me, and always guide me along the straight path.
ZIP
KACHUNK
Give the power to drive all evil far away
Oh Holy Spirit, enter into me
CLUNK
Click
Into these fingers and these eyes that were made by thee
Click

I'm still going to pay either in a coffin or in a jail cell...!!
Shit.
Shit.!!!
Shit.!!

WHOOOAH!!
MR ERIKSON?
Where is she aiming from...?
Where is she ...?
Y... YES SIR!
I'LL GO IMMEDIATELY! PREPARE THE DOCUMENTS!!
HAH
HAH
SHIT!! I'LL GET AWAY!! I'LL ABSOLUTELY GET AWAY!!!
I... I'M VERY SORRY!!
Y... Y... Y... YOU FOOL!! YOU IDIOT!!! DON'T YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO KNOCK!!!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO. ?
AN OFFICER FROM THE ESU HAS COME UP TO MEET YOU JUST NOW...
Whoosh
Slam
WHAT PURPOSE DID I GET THE MONEY FOR...!!?

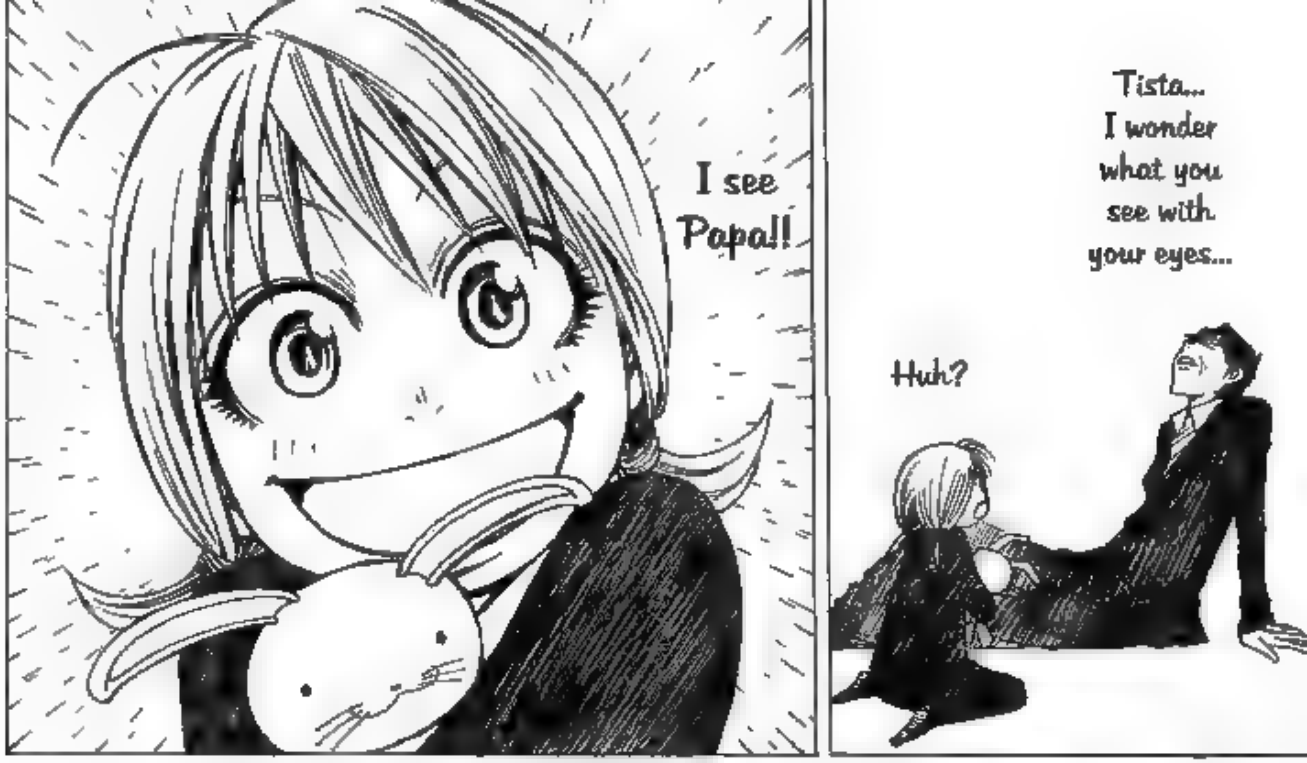


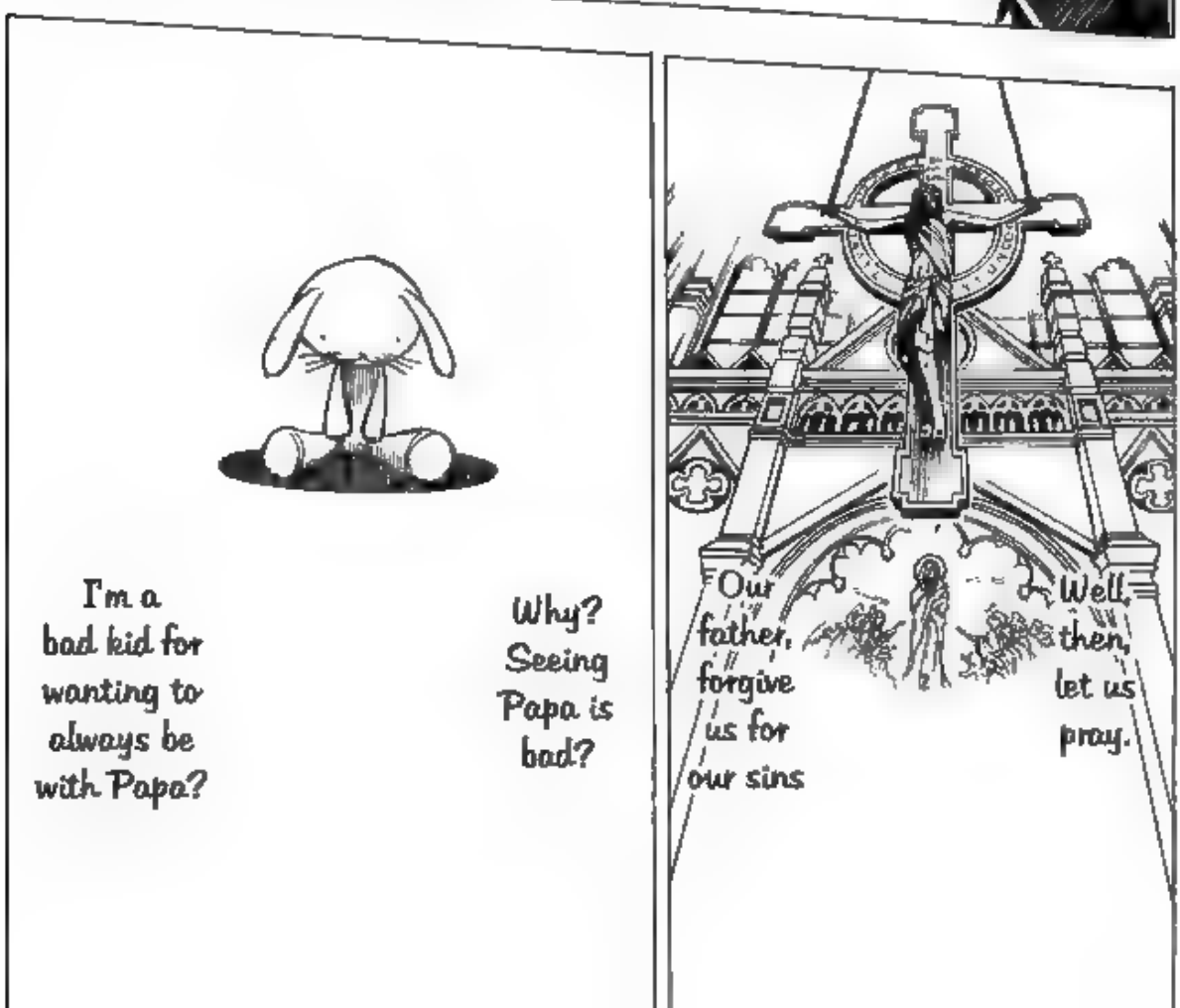


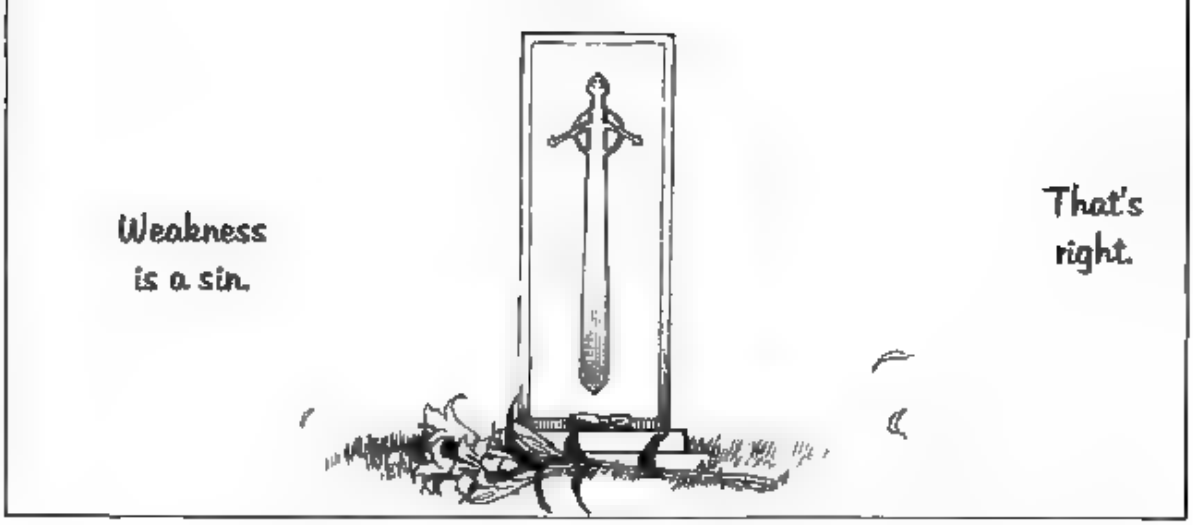

Damn it!!
.....
!
CRASH
CLATTER
Data point D-1-2 Green, nothing abnormal
WHAT THE HELL!!!
Crick Crack

IS THAT RIGHT?
THESE HANDS...
THESE EYES...!!
IF I GO AGAINST THE CREED, SURELY EVERYTHING WILL BE BROKEN.
MUST NOT TOUCH ANYTHING ELSE, MUST NOT GAZE UPON ANYTHING ELSE.
BUT...?
BUT...

Thank you, Papa!
Yay!
No, I don't really like guns very much!
Tissie, it's time for practice.
Both for making you bear the mark of the cross, and for tearing it into pieces...
Tista... you will probably curse me some day.
This is what I want.


I see Papa!!
Tista... I wonder what you see with your eyes...
Huh?


I'm a bad kid for wanting to always be with Papa?
Why? Seeing Papa is bad?
Our father, forgive us for our sins
Well, then, let us pray.

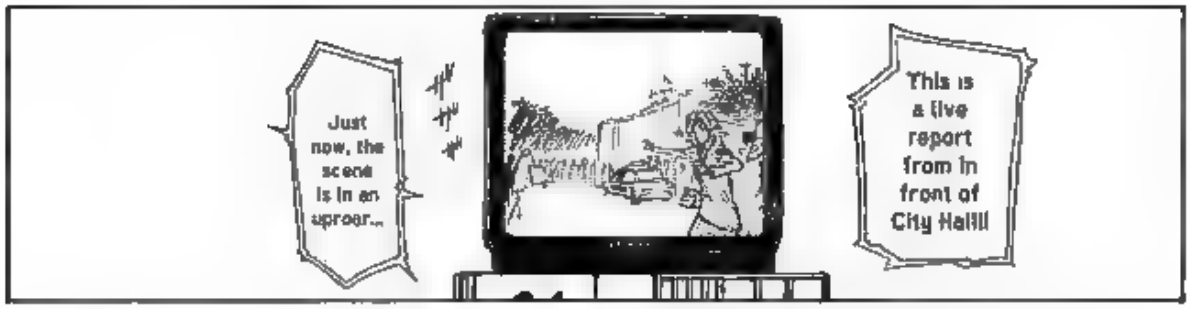

Weakness is a sin.
That's right.

Constantly pray, think, admonish and work.
Fear weakness and detest evil.
Due to weakness, man fall into delusion and evil.

you won't feel any heartache from misfortunes or isolation.
And if you always feel that the Lord is at your side,

Oh...

Forgive my sins.
If you can, Oh Lord,


Just now, the scene is in an uproar...
This is a live report from in front of City Hall!!!

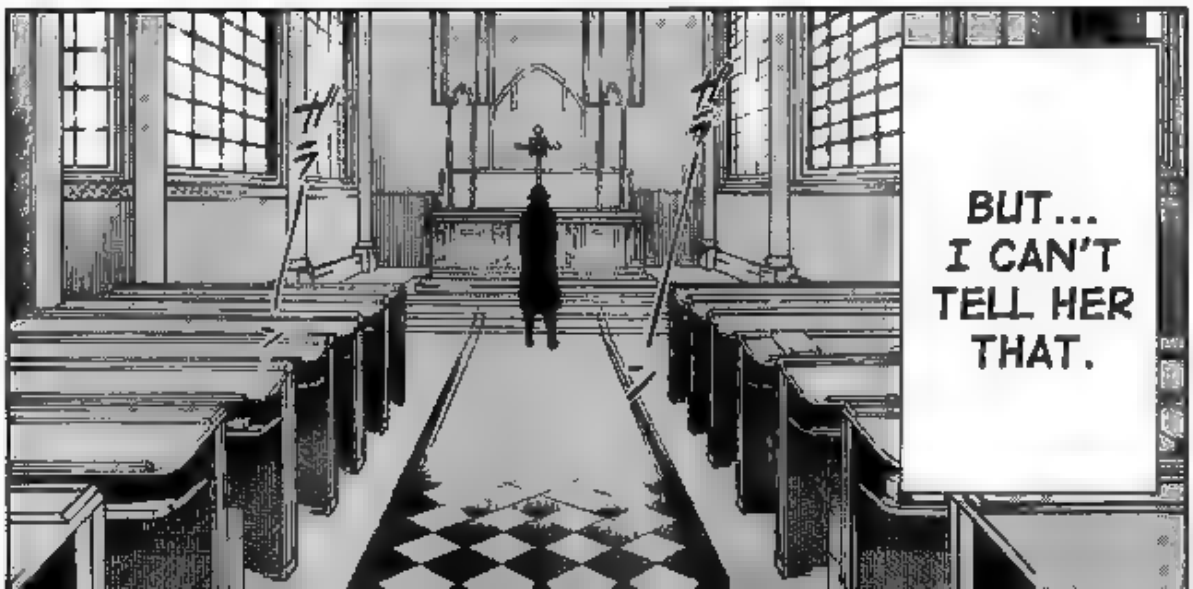
TISTA...!!!
DAMN IT...
BEER
WHAT CAN I SAY TO HER...?
WHAT CAN SOMEONE LIKE ME...?

OH!! MOTHER IS WATCHING BLUNDERMAN BY HERSELF!!
Sneaky.
Even today, he continues to fight for the city's peace!!
Don't lose, everyone's hero, Blunderman!!
Wooooo Hi!!
Wonderful!
Even when I take a vacation, I won't forgive evil!!
Kyahh!

IF IT WASN'T, SHE WOULDN'T GO TO THE SCHOOL THAT SHE WANTED.

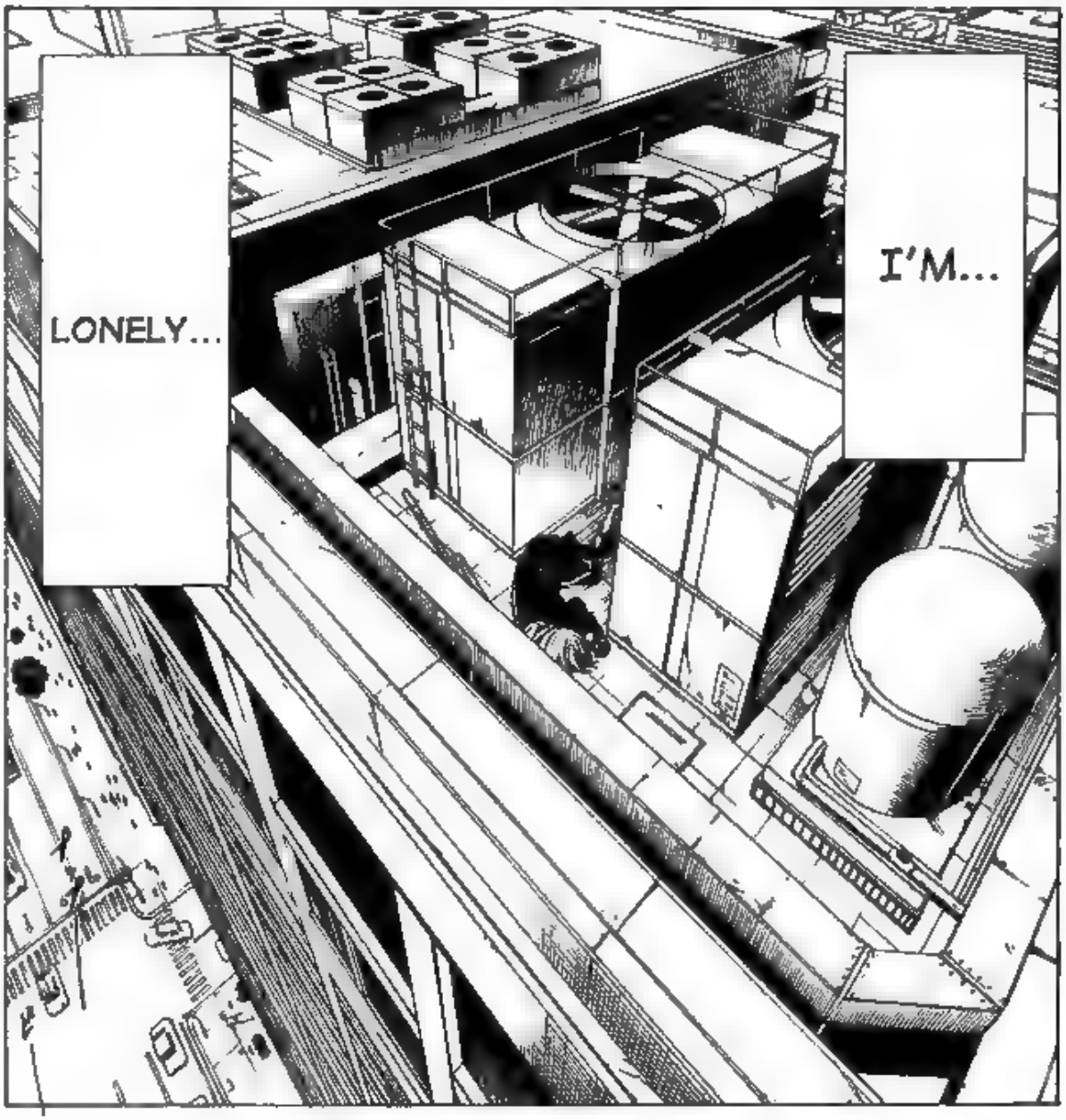
IT WAS JUST DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE THAT WAY.

IT'S A LIE THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE...



...ON THE CRUCIFIX. REGNUM GRATIAE, IS LATIN FOR "KINGDOM OF GRACE"

A FEELING OF LONELINESS THAT ATTACKS HER FROZEN HEART, AND WHICH SHE CANNOT ESCAPE



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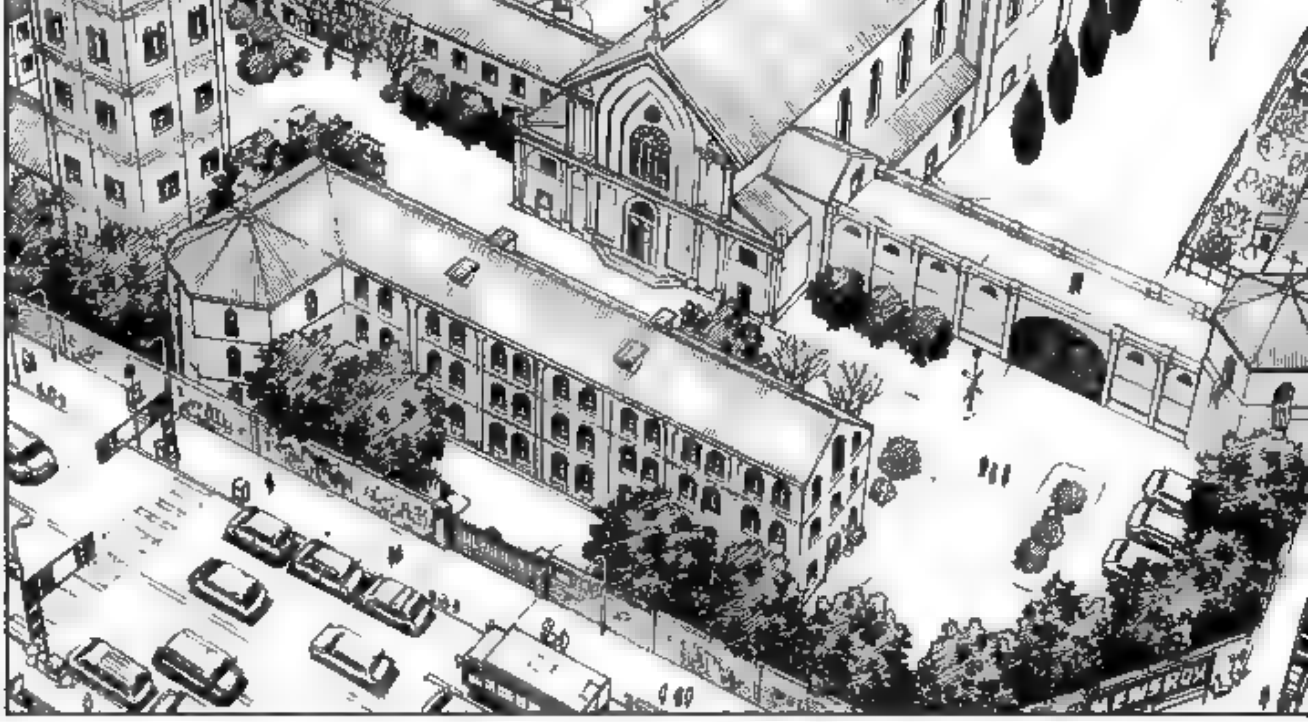
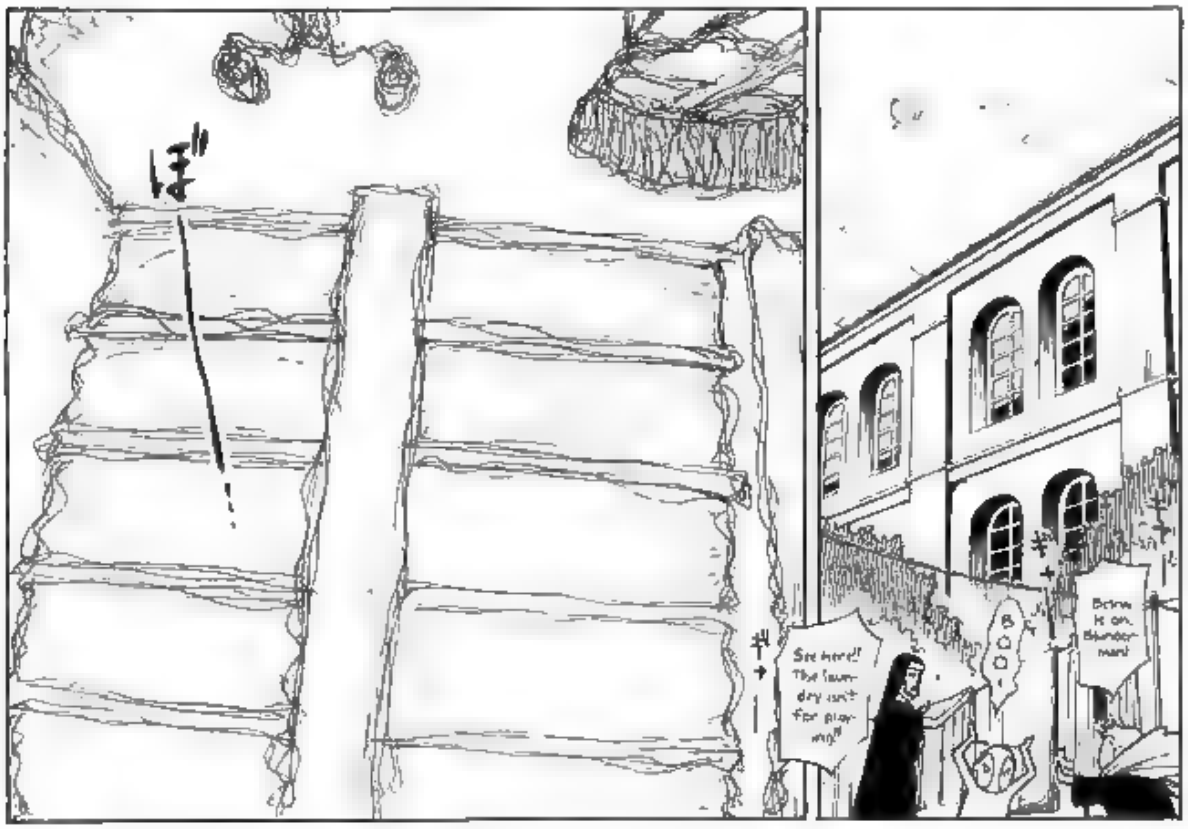




A QUIET EARLY AFTERNOON... A WARPED VISION...

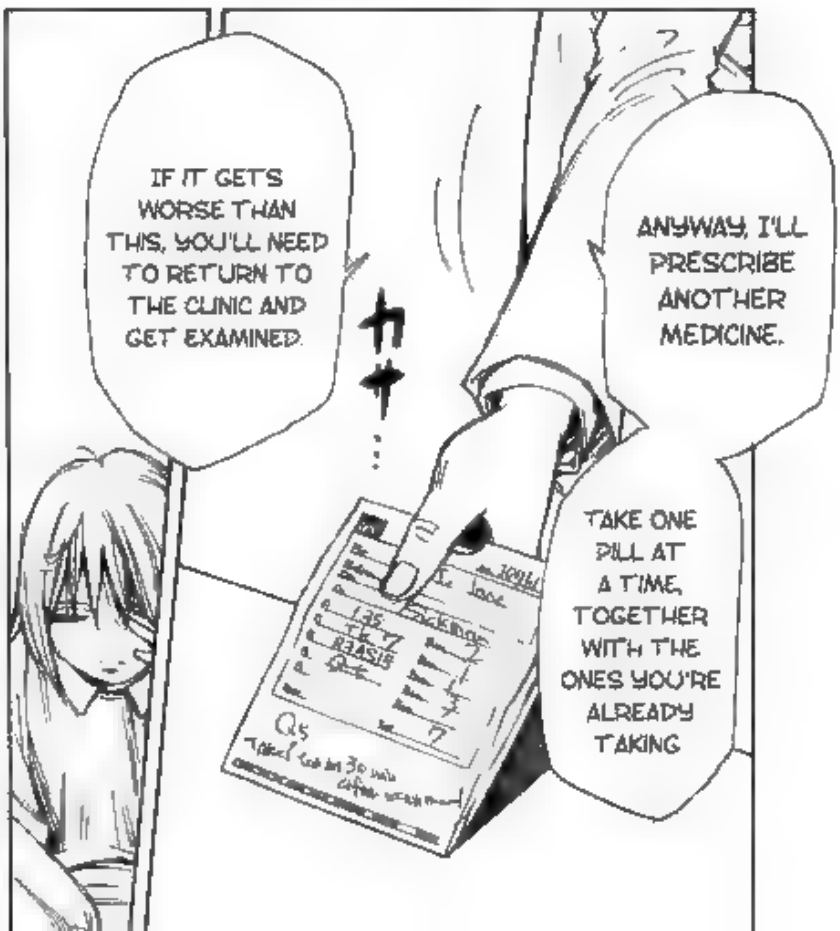
.....
MISS LONE.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
HEY.
!
IT SEEMS YOU'RE AWAKE.
I HEARD YOU'D COLLAPSED. AND THEY SAY YOUR EYES' CONDITION ISN'T GOOD
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
NUH...
OH.. DOC-TOR!?

UH. . IT'S FINE..
NOW.
DO THEY HURT?

UM...
AFTER THAT.
.....

IT'S THE... LEFT ONE?
IS THAT SO.

.....
EVEN IF IT'S NOT THAT, THE USE OF YOUR EYE'S POWER IS ACCOMPANIED BY EXTREME STRESS.
DISORDERS OF THE MIND AND BODY MAY ALSO CAUSE ABNORMALITIES.


IF IT GETS WORSE THAN THIS, YOU'LL NEED TO RETURN TO THE CLINIC AND GET EXAMINED.
ANYWAY, I'LL PRESCRIBE ANOTHER MEDICINE.
TAKE ONE PILL AT A TIME, TOGETHER WITH THE ONES YOU'RE ALREADY TAKING

WELL, ANYWAY.
SINCE I AM NOT A MEDICAL SPECIALIST, I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF WHAT I SAY..

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, MISS LONE.
IT'S A MATTER OF RESTING AND NOT THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING.

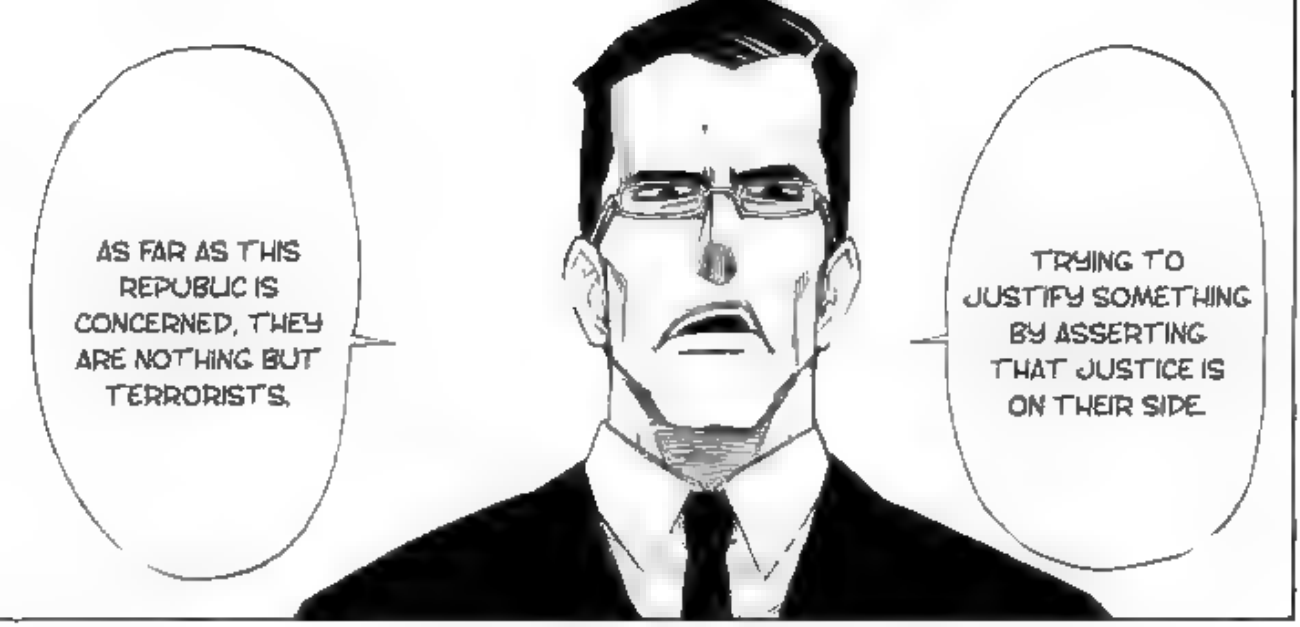
YES. GUNPOWDER RESIDUE WAS FOUND AROUND THE DUCT
HERE IS THE SNIPER POSITION FOR THE ATTACK ON THE FIFTH MAN, CONGRESSMAN PHILIP
NO. IT SEEMS IT WAS WELL CONCEALED IN SHADOWS.
WAS IT CONFIRMED FROM PATROL HELICOPTERS OR SATELLITES?
WHAT THERE WAS, WAS THE BULLET INSIDE THE VICTIM'S BODY, AND..
AS USUAL, THERE WAS ALMOST NO EVIDENCE.
*REMEMBER THE DEAD
Sorry
Damn
A SPENT CARTRIDGE MARKED MEMENTO MORTUORUM *
WE'RE BROUGHT TO OUR KNEES BY THE VARIETY OF NON-STANDARD, UNIQUE GUNS AND AMMUNITION USED IN THE CRIMES.

DON'T DROP THE INVESTIGATION REPORTS! THE NEXT TIME YOU DO IT, YOU'RE FIRED! SNOW.
OH, SORRY.
...FOR BEING LATE, SECTION CHIEF FORD!!
HMPH.
Pleased to meet you.
OH, SORRY. THIS IS OUR FBI PROFILER.
Here's the scene!!
Oh...
HEY, NOW!
YOU SAID IT.
SEEMS LIKE SOME KIND OF STUPID KID

.....
Hmmmm
Um
DESPITE BEING VIGILANT, MOST ARE FROM OVER 700 YARDS.
WHY DOES MILITIA DELIBERATELY AIM FROM SO FAR AWAY?
.....

A SCOPE LOOKING DOWN ON THE WORLD BELOW GIVES A GOD'S EYE VIEW.
A SNIPER DEALS DEATH UNILATERALLY, AS IF TO SAY, FEAR GOD'S WRATH.
IT PROBABLY FEELS LIKE A GAME... AIMING FOR THE HIGH SCORE, AND HAS THE SELF-CONFIDENCE TO DO IT.
OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, I ESTIMATE HER CURRENT HEIGHT TO HAVE BECOME ABOUT 5 2 FEET, HER WEIGHT ABOUT 114 POUNDS, AND HER BUILD TO BE PETITE.
IN MY JUDGMENT, FROM LOOKING AT FOOTPRINTS AND SO FORTH
A TEEN-AGE GIRL WHO APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RAISED IN A LARGE ORGANIZATION FROM YOUTH. .
IN 10 YEARS HER HEIGHT HAS INCREASED BY 16 INCHES AND HER WEIGHT BY 55 POUNDS.

WELL, THAT'S WHY SHE'S CALLED SISTER MILITIA*
HUH?
Angel
"THE KANJI USED HERE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A READING [illegible] TRANSLATE TO "MONASTIC KNIGHT", LIKE THE TEMPLARS, HOSPITALLERS [illegible] KNIGHTS
BANG
CALM, RUTHLESS; A PATTERN OF SUBMISSIVE ORDER IN THE ORGANIZATION
ALL 96 WERE ONE SHOT, ONE KILL
NOT ONE WAS ON THE SABBATH.
IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS, HER CRIMES NUMBER 96.
YOU IDIOT! YOU CALL YOURSELF A POLICEMAN!!? WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!
SEEMS LIKE SOME SORT OF RIGHTEOUS OUTLAW.
Robin Hood
Badass
AREN'T ONLY EVIL DOERS TARGETED?
A TYPE THAT HAS OFTEN APPEARED IN A GREAT HORDE, THEN DISAPPEARED.
You're shameless, too.
スリヨ
Hey, was trying to get the feel of the criminal
BAD
BAD
BAD
BAD
BAD
BAD
BAD
Shoo
PROBABLY THOSE WHO ARE "EVIL" ACCORDING TO THEIR DOCTRINE
RATHER THAN RUN OF THE MILL "EVIL DOERS."
FBI

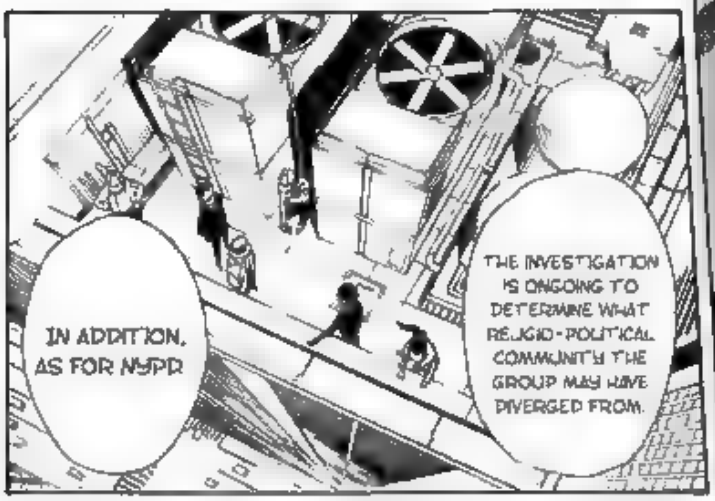

AS FAR AS THIS REPUBLIC IS CONCERNED, THEY ARE NOTHING BUT TERRORISTS.
TRYING TO JUSTIFY SOMETHING BY ASSERTING THAT JUSTICE IS ON THEIR SIDE.

GOOD LORD!
RELIGIOUS FANATICS WHO CHANGE INTO KILLING MACHINES FOR THEIR DOCTRINE.
"INDECISION" HAS COME AND GONE IN HER ACTIONS FOR THE PAST YEAR.
...BUT AS FOR HER. .

AGITATION AND DISCORD WERE CLEARLY INCLUDED IN THE TRACES.
THE DEFINITIVE ONE WAS THE WEST GEENO INCIDENT.

EVEN AT THE SECTION, THEY AGREE WITH MOST OF THAT
HMPH
Taking it that far...

JEA-LOUSY.
REPEN-TANCE.
HATRED.
GRIEF.
IT'S VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND...


IN ADDITION, AS FOR NYPD
THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING TO DETERMINE WHAT RELIGIO-POLITICAL COMMUNITY THE GROUP MAY HAVE DIVERGED FROM.

.....
KEEP AN EYE ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE WEST GEENO WITNESS - THAT IS, THE SURVIVOR - AND SMOKE OUT THE PERPETRATOR.

OKAY!

ISHED.
FIN-
TaCK
OKAY, OKAY.
ISN'T THE PREVIEW TOMORROW?
HEY, HEY, ARTY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING SCRIBBLING!?
I TOLD YOU TO HELP WITH THE PREPARATIONS!
JUST HOLD ON A MINUTE!
OH, ME TOO.
IT'S A MESSAGE FROM ARTY.
!

WHAT THE HECK!? SHE'S NOWHERE NEAR AS CUTE AS ME.
Isn't this who he's been talking about lately?
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
"LOOKING FOR THIS GAL. IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE HER SOMEWHERE, CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY."
"PS. FEEL FREE TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION THAT STARTS TOMORROW."
HE JUST MENTIONED IT IN PASSING!!
SAM, WHY DIDN'T I GET A MESSAGE!? HUH, WHY!?
KNOCK KNOCK
UH, YES.
TISSIE! CAN I HAVE A MOMENT?

HM?
THIS IS..?
AH.. UM..
WON'T YOU HELP THE CHILDREN STUDY?
ANYWAY, I DON'T HAVE ANY SCHOOLING.

TO THE SCHOOL. THAT I'M QUITTING.
IT'S A NOTICE...

TISSIE... I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE...
I KNOW.
ARTY DRAWER...!?
THE SCHOOL?
ARE YOU LEAVING NOW...?

JUST THAT...
I'M GOING OUT.
I'LL JUST COME BACK...
IT SEEMS I HAVE TO DELIVER THE NOTICE PERSONALLY
.....
I'LL TAKE YOU..
I WON-DER... DO I WANT TO MEET HIM?
OR, DO I NOT WANT TO MEET HIM...?

I MUST NOT MEET HIM...!!
ズズズ
... NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
〃ピポーン
〃ピポーン
WELL WELL WELL...
JUST AS I THOUGHT. YOU ENDED UP QUITTING?

WE NEITHER REFUSE THOSE WHO COME, OR CHASE AFTER THOSE WHO LEAVE!

SORRY, THINGS CAME UP

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE EXCELLENT GRADES... SUCH A WASTE.

WELL, WHATEVER THE REASON IS,

A GIRL DROPPING OUT IN THIS TERM OF HER FRESHMAN YEAR IS JUST SPLENDID.

NOTICE OF STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

ACCEPT

After you return your student card to administration, it's over

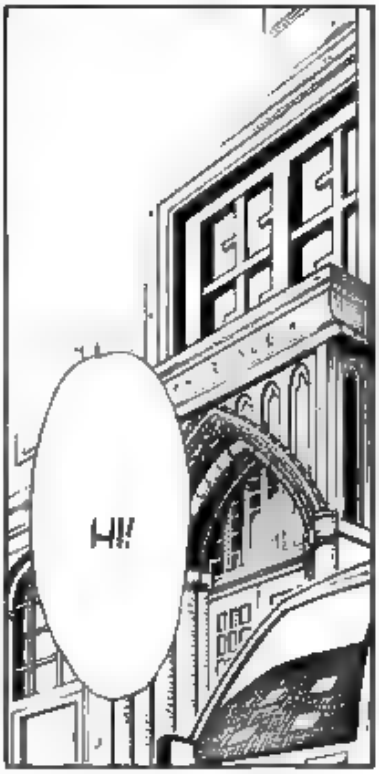
THAT'S THE KIND OF PLACE OUR COLLEGE IS.

YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THE FAINT SMELL OF GUNPOWDER ON YOU DID YOU GET UNUSUALLY CLOSE?
HOW MUCH CONTACT HAS SHE HAD WITH THAT FELLOW ?
GEENO
HERE.
IT'S DANGER-OUS
.....
THE WORST IS...
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU STOPPING!?
I can't pass!!
OH, SORRY SORRY.
BE BEEP

REALLY. ADULTS THESE DAYS...

I WOULDN'T RIDE IN THAT KIND OF CAR.
HM? ISN'T HE A PROFESSOR?
Uh-oh..

THANK YOU♥ PUT THEM OVER THERE.
I BROUGHT A LOT OF SUPPLIES FROM WEST GEENO.


HI!

EVER SINCE THE INCIDENT, DETECTIVES AND FBI HAVE BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE.
MY GOD, IT WAS A BIG PROBLEM TO BRING THIS STUFF OUT!

ARE YOU GOING TO PUT IT IN THE PREVIEW, TOO? IT SEEMS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE ENTIRE CONCEPT.
SAY, ART'Y, WHAT IS THAT PICTURE YOU DREW YESTERDAY?
MYANCO
JUST WHAT WE EXPECTED, YOUR MAJESTY.
YES, YES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT, KING DRAWER.
It's espresso
flat
REWARD ME. REWARD ME.
ズビビボバ
IT'S FINE HOW IT IS.
OH, HUSH
I'LL JUST PUT IT AS SOME SORT OF DECORATION IN THE CORNER.
UNTIL LAST WEEK HE WAS A LITTLE SICK, WASN'T HE?
HEHE. BUT IT'S FINE, ART'Y'S BACK TO HIS OLD WAYS.
flat
HEY!
SEE YA LATER.
ANYWAY, I'M TIRED, SO I'M LEAVING.
Ah

BUT NOW HE'S SURELY JUST PUTTING UP A BOLD FRONT.
HE WAS PROBABLY REJECTED BY A GIRL OR SOMETHING.
HE'S BEEN PASSING SOME SORT OF STRANGE MESSAGE AROUND
Like a Stalker
BANG
OW
OUCH
BE CARE-FUL.
my glasses, my glasses
EXCUSE ME.
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE WALKING!
ぼや
.....
Are you okay, Nina?

I WONDER IF THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.
.....
MY EYES ARE RAPIDLY GETTING WORSE...
IF IT KEEPS ON LIKE THIS, I'LL END UP NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE ANYTHING...
I CAN STILL READ STUFF THIS BIG

FROM THE 21ST TO THE 28TH, SEVERAL PIECES WILL BE PREVIEWED AT THE COLLEGE CAFETERIA!!
DESIGN, DTP PRESS
STUDENTS WORKS PRE EXHIBITION
11.21 → 28
GUNPOWDER GALLERY 2005
THE PICK
writing
Help another get pre
THE DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS' PROF. KIMMONS' JUNIOR-CLASS STUDENTS ARE PUTTING ON AN EXHIBIT STARTING NEXT MONTH AT THE GUNPOWDER GALLERY!!

AM... EA
ARTY DRAWER
TUX ORON

HUH!?
HMM...?
HMM?
Whoff
.....
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
TISTA LONE!!
!!!
What! Just as I thought, she's not cute at all!!
WANTED
THIS IS YOU, ISN'T IT? THE FRESHMAN ARTY'S BEEN LOOKING AROUND FOR!
UM.. AH..
WHAT WHO..?

LOOKING ...!?
FOR ME...!?
Hey, you still haven't gotten the panel? Really!?
.....
COME ON!
WHAT AM I DOING. .
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE...!!
JUST AS I THOUGHT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO IGNORE HER...!!

The number you have dialed
IDIOT!
ARTY DRAWER
DIALING
At the beep...
HI.
BEEP
OH, PLEASE.
UH-OH, THE BATTERY DIED
I'll have to recharge it when I get home.
BE BEEP
AFTER I WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF FINDING HER!!
COME HERE A MINUTE!!
OH, WAIT...
Don't

HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING READY TODAY.
HM?
NO, LET GO!
DON'T!
IS ARTY HERE!?
HE MIGHT STILL BE IN THE AREA.
HE SAID HE WAS TIRED AND LEFT
HEY. I ASKED WHAT YOU WANT.
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT...

HOME
OH, THAT'S SOMETHING HE ADDED AS A DECORATION AT THE LAST MINUTE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S BEEN THINKING SO MUCH OF LATELY.
What is this picture?
.....
THE ARTY I LOVE...
IS...
HUH
YOURS..
HIS EYES HAVE BECOME LIKE THEY USED TO BE...
...NO.
IT'S YOUR FAULT, ISN'T IT!? THAT HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF LATELY.

?

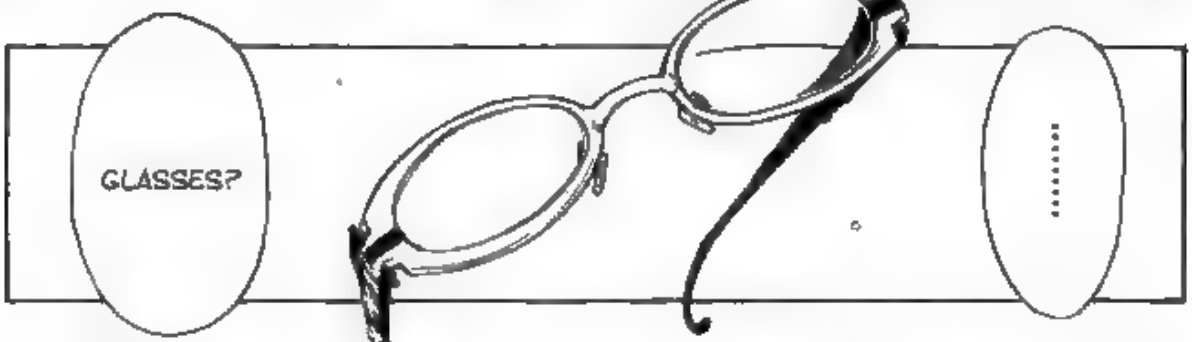
MY LEFT EYE...

I DON'T REMEMBER TRANSPLANTING THE "FEELINGS," TOO...
SHE HAS HER FATHER'S EYE...

I PRAY THAT SHE HASN'T INHERITED THE TURBULENT FACTORS.
.....
UH-OH, THAT ISN'T MEDICAL TALK.
IT VERY MUCH LOOKS LIKE HE WANT'S TO TALK TO HIS DAUGHTER.
WAIT A MINUTE!!
"Amen."
WHAT!? RETURN THEM YOURSELF!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS!!
HUH?
!?
HUH
BUMP
GIVE..
THESE BACK TO HIM...

EVEN THOUGH I DON'T WANT TO SEE...!!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYTHING.. !!
IF IT'S NOTHING BUT SUFFERING, THEN ALL THE MORE.

WHY AM I...!!!
PUS


GLASSES?
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"ONLY GOD
WILL BE ON MY SIDE"...?
A NOTE ..?
A message?
HM?

ILLS THE WORLD IS HEIR TO."
Dart in heart
"HE WILL PROTECT ME FROM ALL THE
What's this?
Rocket ging.
Irritation overflows the lungs.
I must not weaken.
Most of all,

TISSIE?
LET'S GO HOME, DEACON

I'LL DO IT
NO... I'M FINE.
I have to do it
Have to do it

SHALL WE SEND SOMEONE ELSE?
TONIGHT'S HOLY DUTY
ドルン...

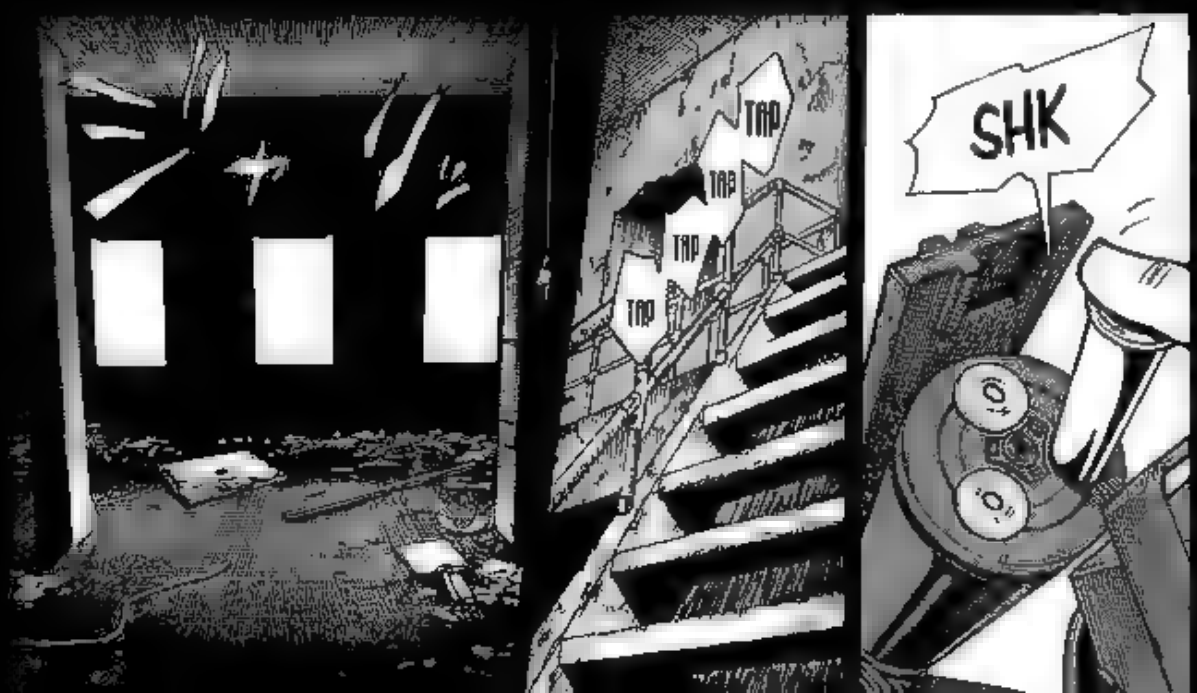
Have to kill
Have to kill
Have to kill
Have to kill.
Have to kill
Have to kill
Have to kill
Have to kill

WOYANO S. LIGHT'S.
SUSPECTED SERIAL RAPIST
IS WHAT HE WAS.
WE GOT ORDERS TO STOP THE INVESTIGATION AND THE EVIDENCE WAS SEALED. .
IN ADDITION, HE WAS ALSO SUSPECTED IN ONE MURDER, BUT
5 OUT OF 5 PEOPLE HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR COMPLAINTS?
A SUITABLE TARGET.
SHIT!!
A CRIMINAL THAT THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH..
HE'S A SENATOR'S SON, EH...

The light...

SNAP

SNAP



Let me not lose sight
of the light of proof.
HEY, YOU. . HAVE A DRINK WITH ME.
NO!
LET GO!
GUH
YOH
YOH
YOH
BERWA
KYAAA
EEEE

WHAT IT IS, IS.
VERY CRUDE.
NYPD CSU
RU
What - you're too late.
PU RU RU RU RU

I TRIED TO KEEP HER THERE, BUT
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? SHE LEFT A LONG TIME AGO!
AT SCHOOL!? HEY, WHERE IS SHE NOW...
HEY, WHAT, YOU REALLY FOUND... TISTA!? BUT!?
Watch out!
HEY, WAIT, NINA!? NINA!?
Hel-lo!?
Idiot!
I didn't know you were the kind of guy who made girls cry!
CRY...
ING...
SHIT!!!
OW!

FATE SEPARATES THE TWO...

WHAT IS SHE AFRAID OF...?

TO BE CONTINUED

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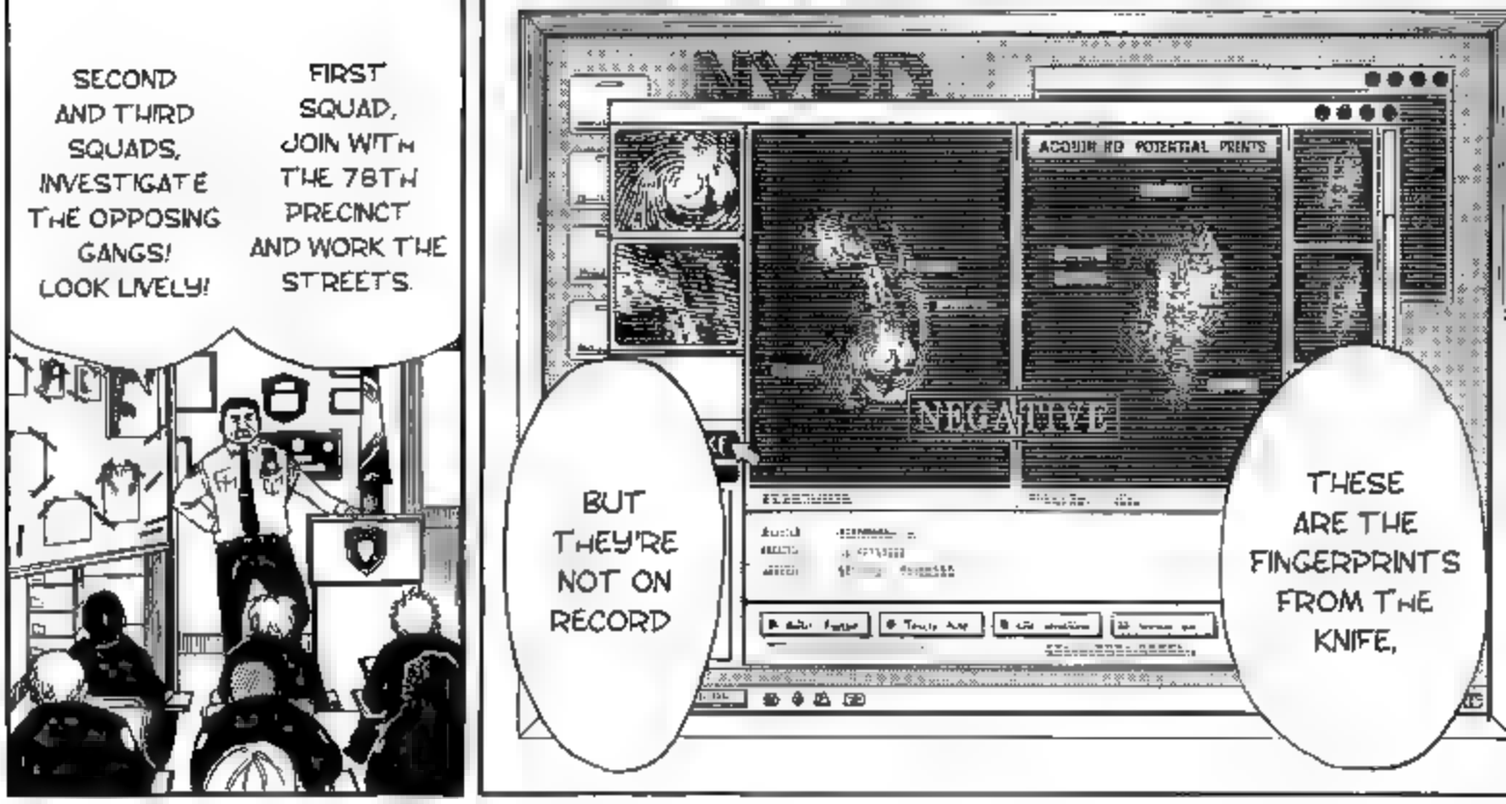
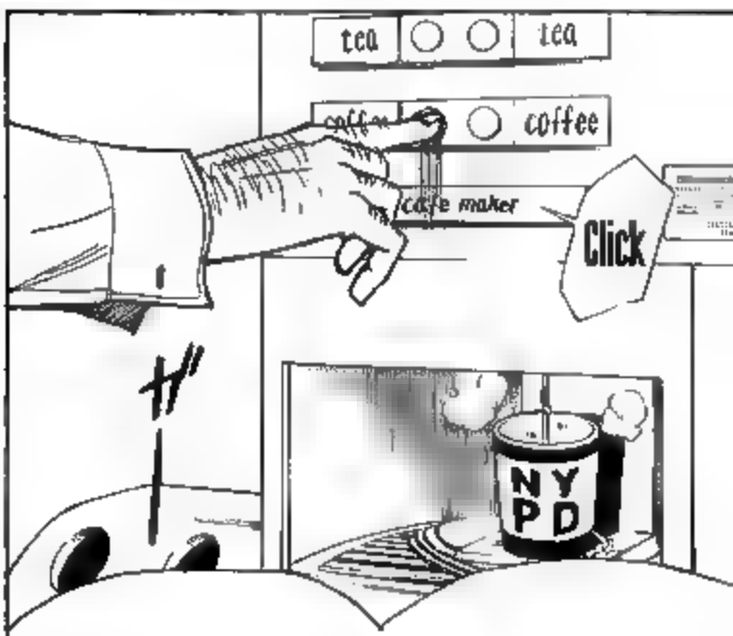
AN OUTBREAK OF MURDERS!!

THE VICTIM IS SUMMY JORDAN, AGE 15.
IT SEEMS HE'S BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE GANGS IN THE 125TH ST. AREA.
NYPD
IT'S A SHAME. .
HE WAS STILL A KID, WASN'T HE?
MAYBE IT WAS A DISPUTE WITH AN OPPOSING GROUP?


SECOND AND THIRD SQUADS, INVESTIGATE THE OPPOSING GANGS! LOOK LIVELY!
FIRST SQUAD, JOIN WITH THE 78TH PRECINCT AND WORK THE STREETS.
NYPD
ACQUIRED POTENTIAL PRINTS
NEGATIVE
BUT THEY'RE NOT ON RECORD
THESE ARE THE FINGERPRINTS FROM THE KNIFE,



SHIT!! NOTHING WILL TASTE SWEET UNTIL THE PERP'S THROWN IN JAIL.

THE VICTIM WAS STILL JUST A KID... STILL IN THE THE PRIME OF HIS YOUTH...

GOD, JESUS, MARY.
ANYWAY, THERE'S NEVER A DAY WITHOUT SIRENS IN THIS TOWN...
WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL TAKE PITY AND PUT THIS TOWN AND US UNDER YOUR DIVINE PROTECTION...
AMEN.
AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH. GOOD GRIEF.

DISTANCE
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CHAPTER IV: COLD THANKSGIVING
SHE KILLS... IN ORDER TO SURVIVE...
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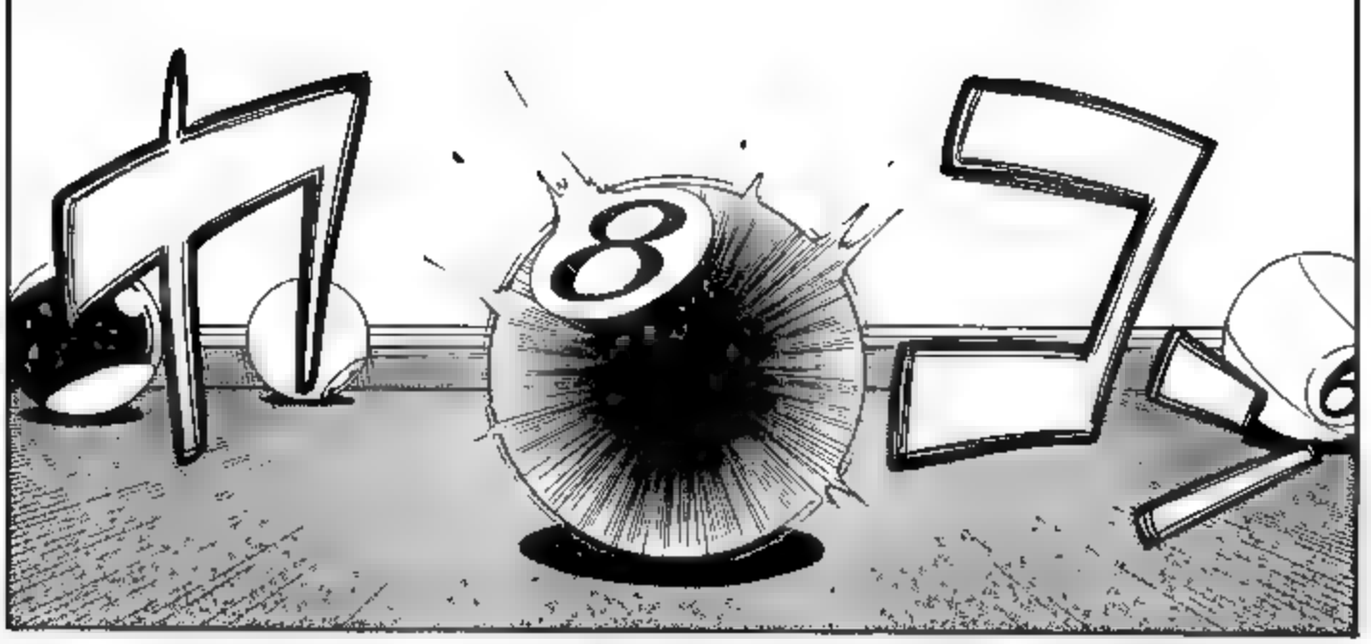
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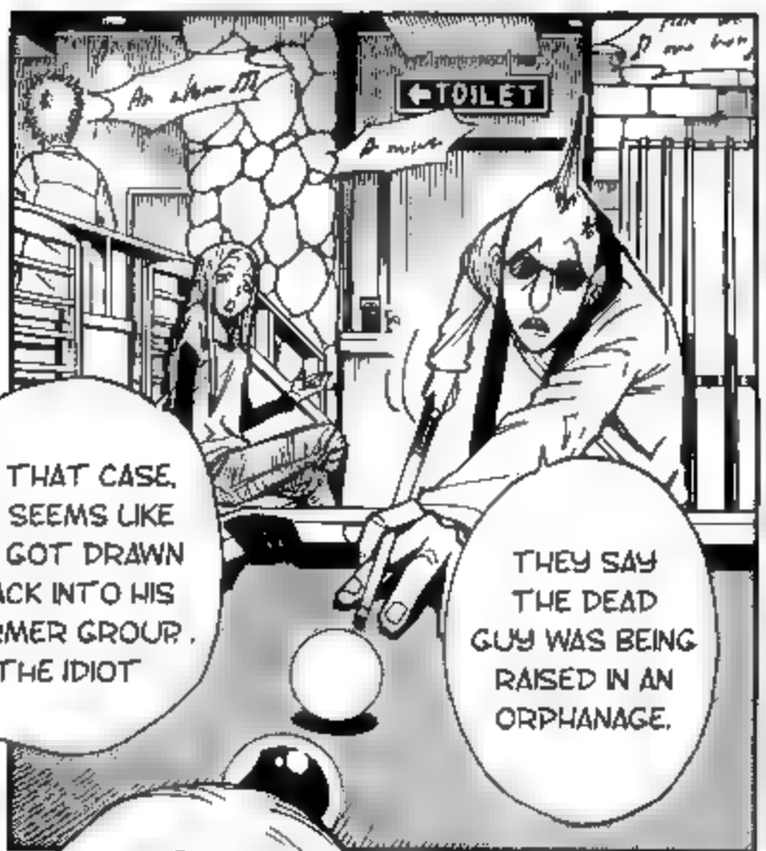
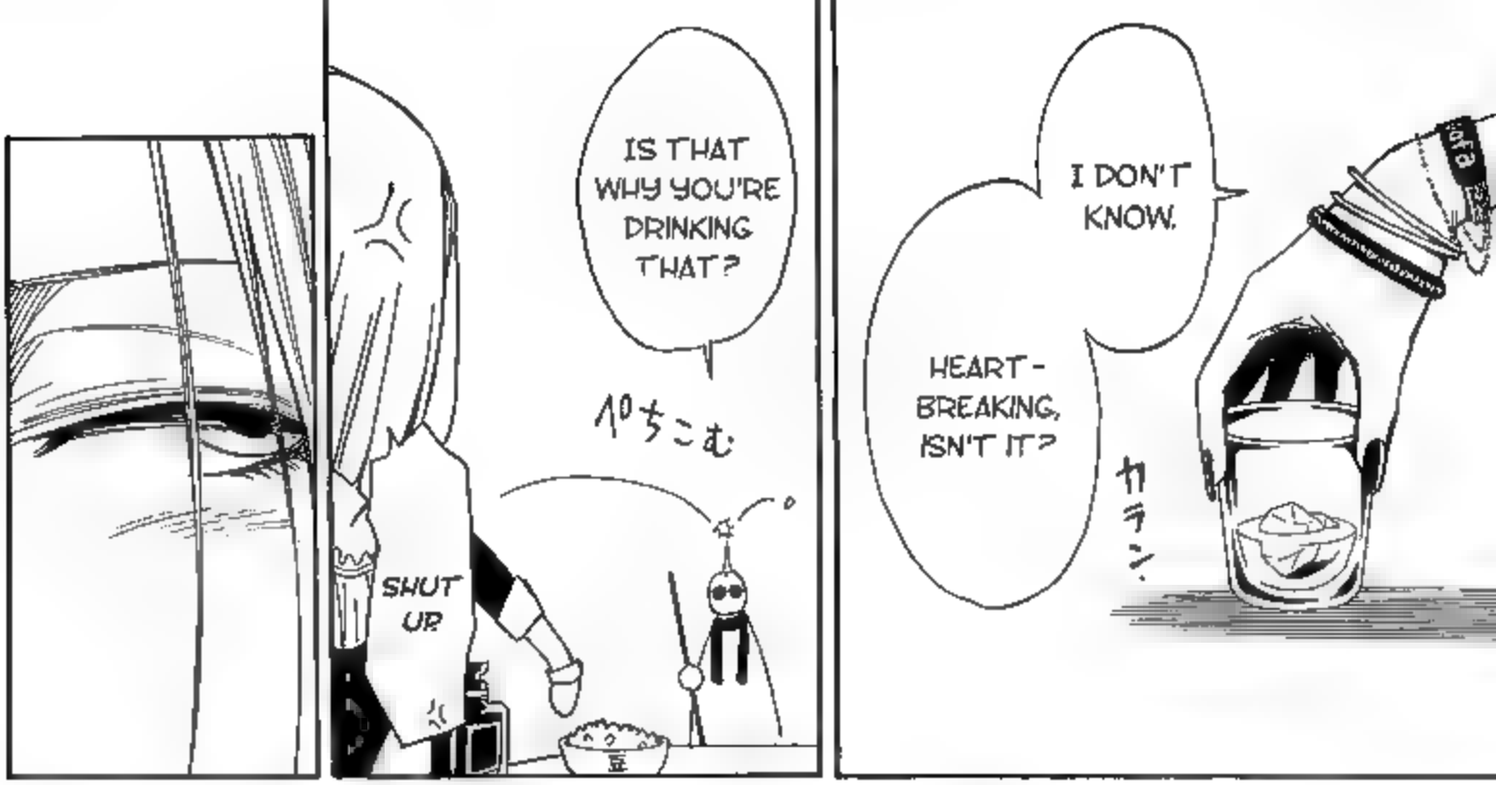

TOILET
IN THAT CASE, IT SEEMS LIKE HE GOT DRAWN BACK INTO HIS FORMER GROUP. THE IDIOT
THEY SAY THE DEAD GUY WAS BEING RAISED IN AN ORPHANAGE.

CLINK CLINK
WOW, REALLY!?
I CALLED IT I CALLED IT!

Whee
CLINK
He said he didn't know if he would attend 5th period on Thursday.
HOW'D IT GO, VISITING THAT SHUT-IN UPSTAIRS, NINA?


IS THAT WHY YOU'RE DRINKING THAT?
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SHUT UP.
I DON'T KNOW.
HEART-BREAKING, ISN'T IT?
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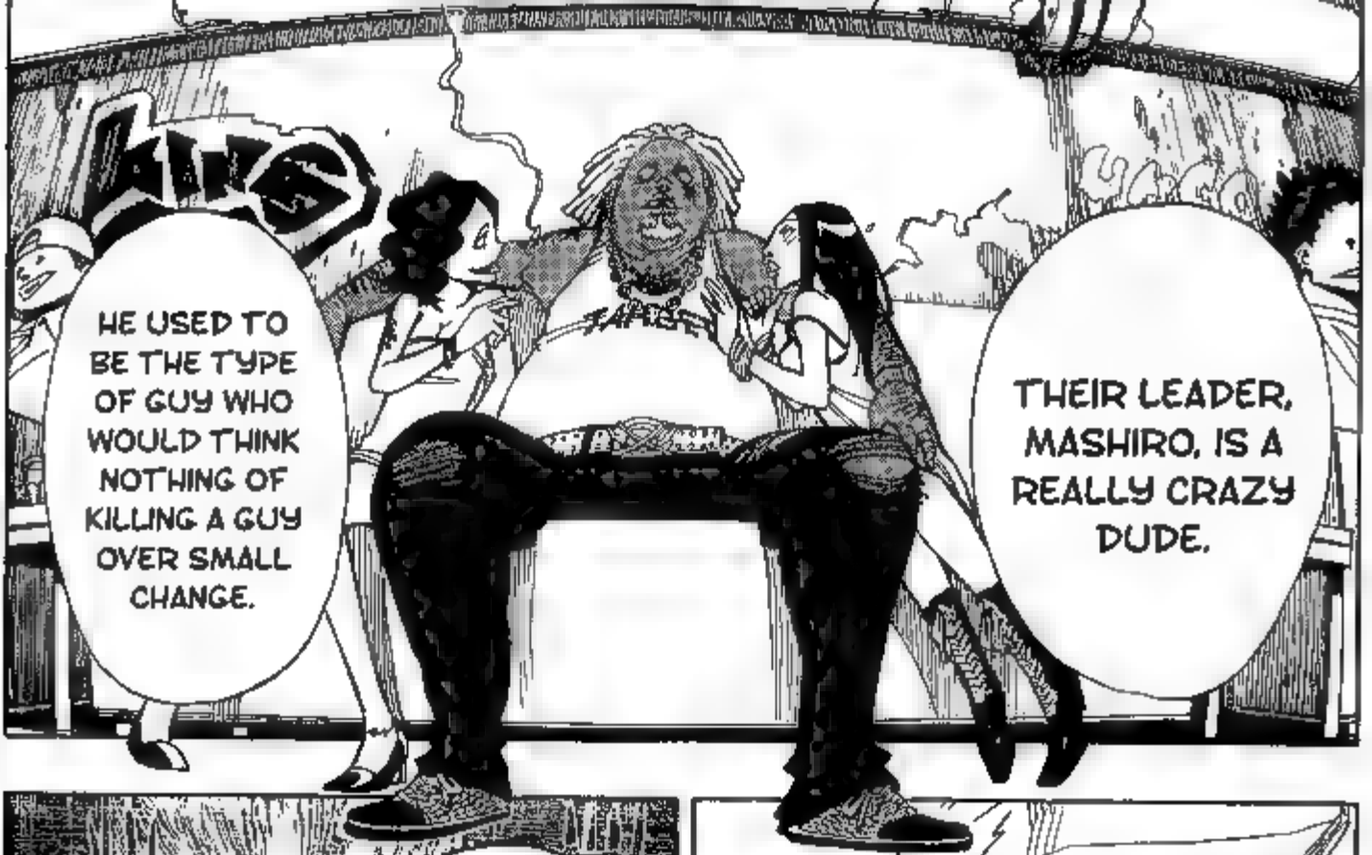
I HAVEN'T LIKED HIM SINCE HE GOT SO SERIOUS.
GRAFFITI AREA

PI RO RI RO RI

COME ON DOWN AND I'LL BUY YOU A MEAL!
HEY! HOW YA DOIN'?
FOOD & BEVERAGE
CATERING
AH, WELL, I'M NOT HERE ABOUT THAT TODAY.
HUH?
I STILL DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, OKAY?
WHAT'S UP?

DON'T THEY HANG OUT ALONG THE HUDSON?
RED DOGS?
I'll take that! ♡
DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR OPPONENTS? I THOUGHT YOU KNEW A LOT ABOUT THAT AREA.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU?
MM-HM.
ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS WAS STABBED
.....
THIS IS JUST HEARSAY, NOT SOMETHING I KNOW FIRST-HAND.
BUT THEY SAY THAT THE "WHITE MONKEYS" FROM THE BRONX HAVE BEEN MUSCLING ON THEIR BUSINESS LATELY.


HE USED TO BE THE TYPE OF GUY WHO WOULD THINK NOTHING OF KILLING A GUY OVER SMALL CHANGE.
THEIR LEADER, MASHIRO, IS A REALLY CRAZY DUDE.

I WAS JUST REMEMBERING A BAD INCIDENT.

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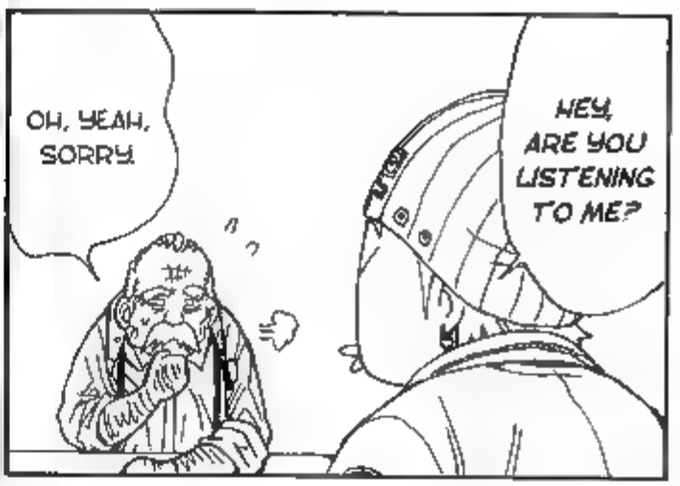
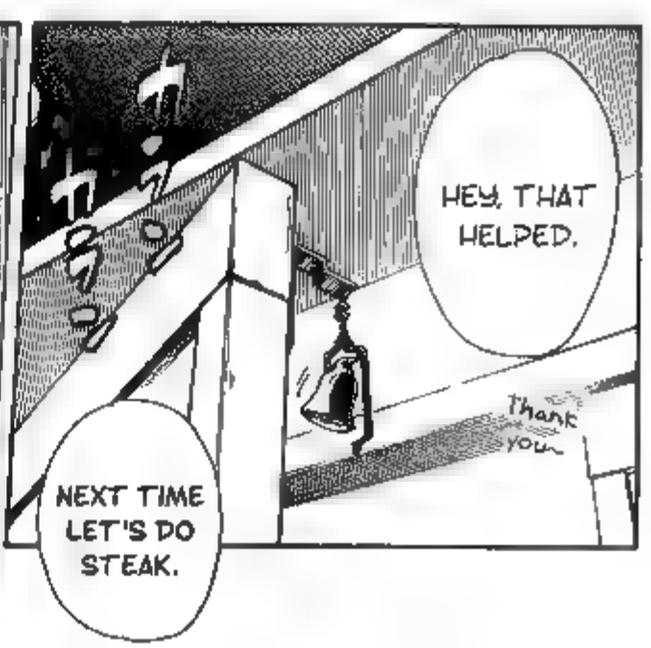

OH, YEAH, SORRY.
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

A T/N
HMP? WHAT IS IT?
MACKEY
UM.


HEY, THAT HELPED.
Thank you
NEXT TIME LET'S DO STEAK.

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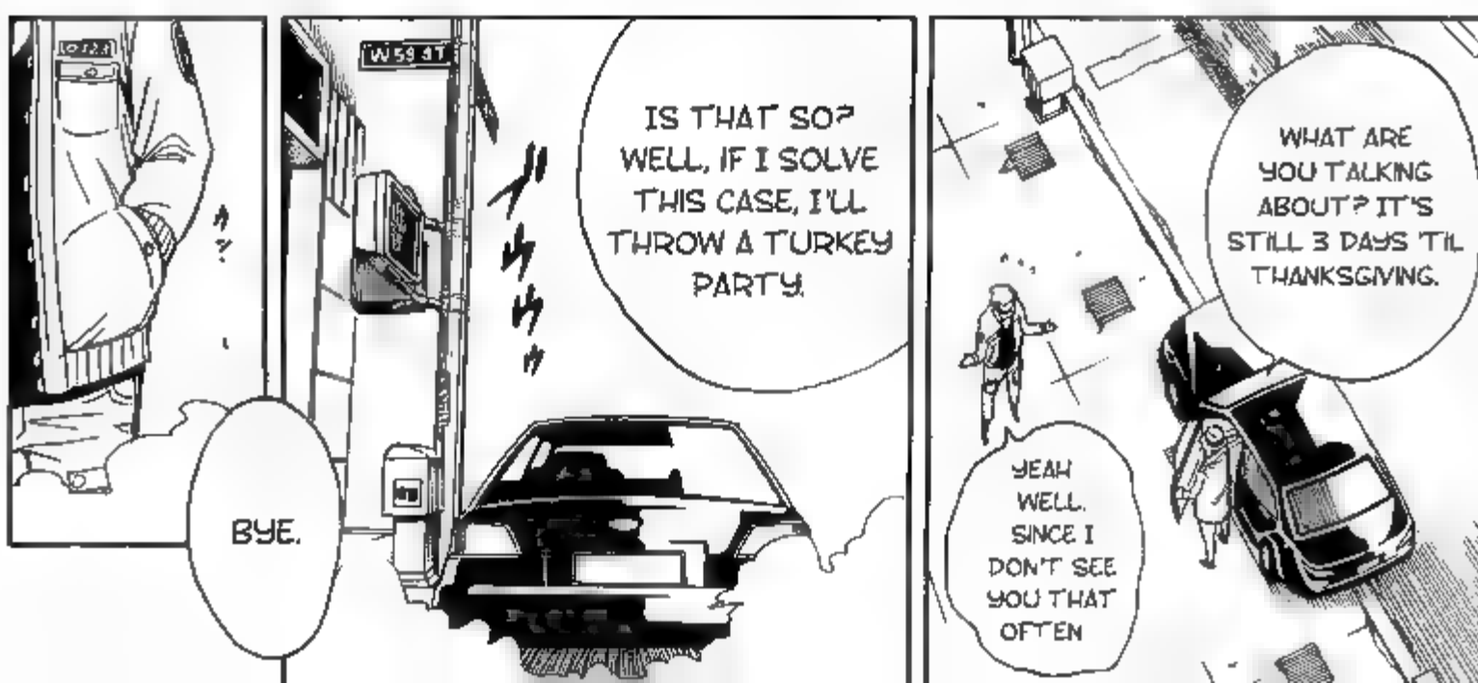
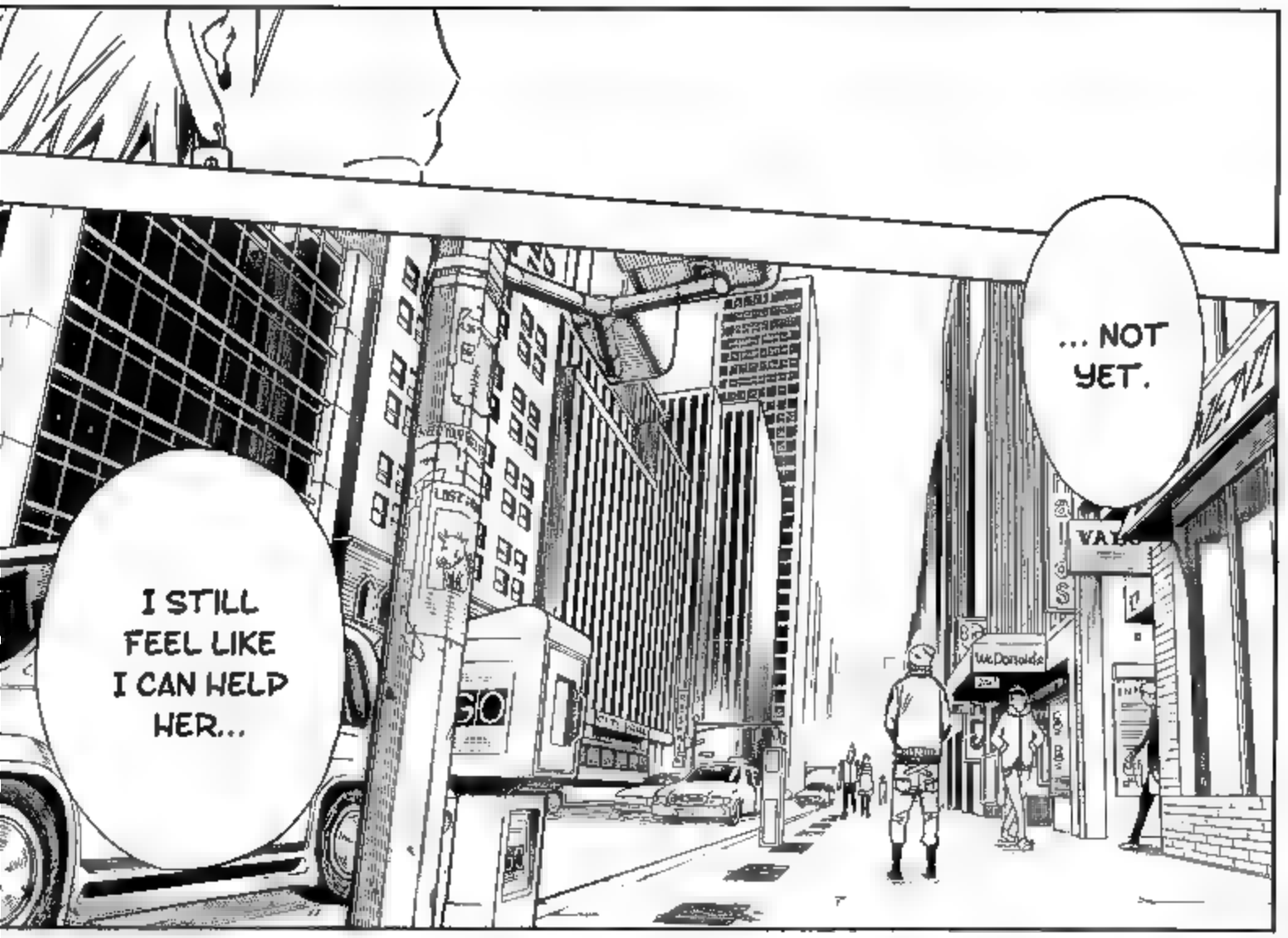
ERR..
UMM...
GRAB...
…?

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
HA...


BYE.
IS THAT SO? WELL, IF I SOLVE THIS CASE, I'LL THROW A TURKEY PARTY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S STILL 3 DAYS 'TIL THANKSGIVING.
YEAH WELL. SINCE I DON'T SEE YOU THAT OFTEN

YOU SHOULD GIVE UP!!
SINCE SHE RETURNED THESE,


I STILL FEEL LIKE I CAN HELP HER...
... NOT YET.
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ARTY DRAWER

THE DEAD CHILD WAS UNDER THE CARE OF ANOTHER CONVENT'S ORPHANAGE.
LET US JOIN THEM IN PRAYER, FOR HIM, FOR HIS ATTACKER, AND FOR THE WORLD.
EVEN IF IT IS BEYOND OUR POWER.
EVEN IF IT IS MEANING-LESS.
LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY.

CLICK
LORD, GRANT THEM THY ETERNAL PEACE.
ALL FLESH RETURNS TO THEE.
May the choir of angels be there to welcome you
And may you with the once poor Lazarus, have ever lasting rest
May the saints receive you at your coming and take you to the holy city
May the angels lead you into Paradise
ONE SMALL TEAR.
LORD BATHE THEM IN THY ETERNAL LIGHT
IT EXISTS... EVEN IF IT ISN'T SHED.
AMEN...
.....
SHE FINALLY HAS A STRONG REACTION?
Beep
Beep

beep
beep
NO,
THERE'S NOTHING ABNORMAL IN ANY OF THE READINGS.
SHE SEEMS TO BE EXTREMELY UNSTABLE, DOESN'T SHE?
SOMETHING LIKE THE PAIN OF A PHANTOM LIMB.
PER-HAPS.
COULD IT BE SOMETHING IN HER MIND?
ISN'T THAT WHY MEN OF THE CLOTH LIKE YOU ARE NEEDED?
THERE ARE STILL MANY MYSTERIES THAT SCIENCE CAN'T EXPLAIN.
NO...
ARE YOU SAYING... THE OPENING WAS MADE BECAUSE A KNIFE WAS USED?

IT HAS COME TO BE EXPLAINED AS A TEST GIVEN BY GOD FOR LACK OF FAITH.
THERE ARE CASES OF COMPLAINTS OF PAIN IN THE LITERATURE.
OR FOR HAVING BOTH EYES TRANSPLANTED.
HOWEVER, THERE'S NO PRECEDENT FOR ONLY INHERITING ONE EYE
... THERE WAS A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL YESTERDAY.
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THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT TO OBSERVE HER CONDITION.
AT LEAST, NOT TO THE EXTENT OF THE PRESENT CASE.

THEY WILL NOT WAIT FOR SLOW IMPROVEMENT.
THEY SAY... IF SHE IS BAD, TEST THE NEXT.

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.....

THE WELFARE BUDGET FOR THAT CAUSE ALSO COMES FROM THEIR IMPORTANT DONATIONS.
OH, COME ON!!

WE'LL MAKE THE BEST OF IT
.....

THE RESERVES HAVE ARRIVED
ガヤ
WELL.

Patients with appointments for medical exams.
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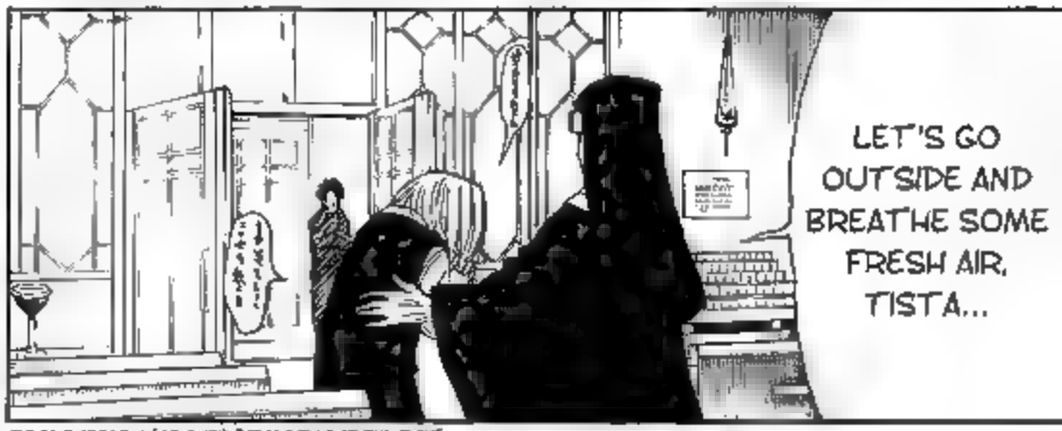
I UNDERSTAND. I'M COMING NOW.

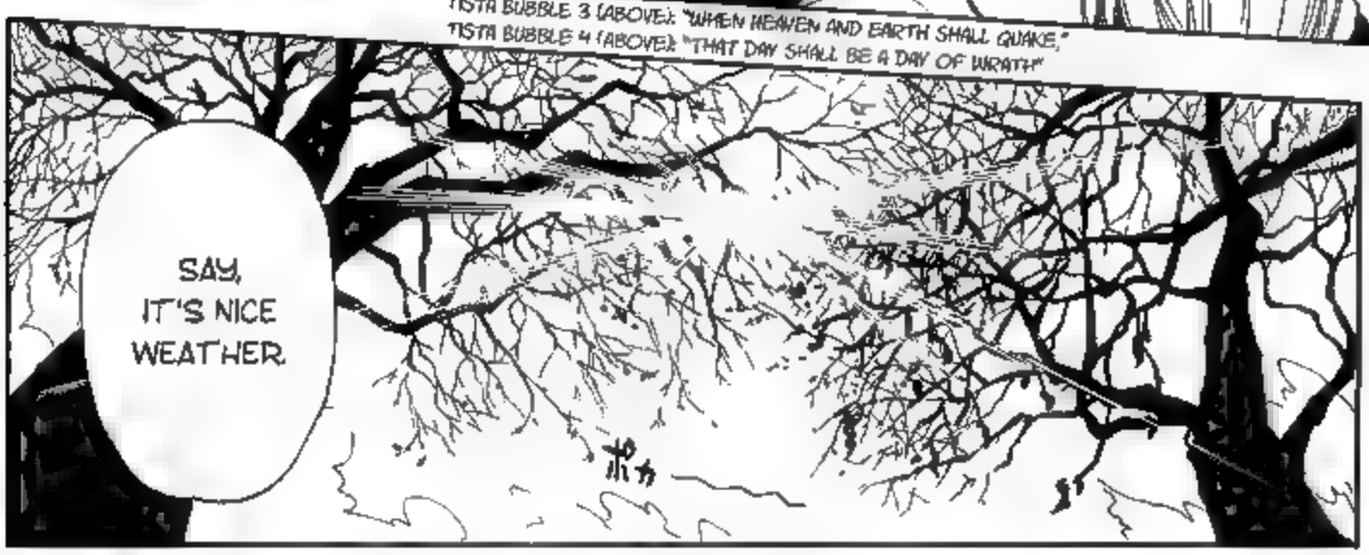
I SEE...
THINGS LIKE TEENS GRIPPING A SCALPEL ARE NOTHING BUT A BAD JOKE.
IN ANY CASE, I CAN NOT HELP BUT THINK THAT
DOC.
THAT'S "ALL THE MORE REASON,"

SINCE TISTA'S BUBBLES ARE IMPOSSIBLY SMALL TO READ, WE'LL PUT THE TRANSLATION IN THE PANELS.



TISTA BUBBLE 1 (ABOVE): "THAT DREADFUL DAY"
TISTA BUBBLE 2 (ABOVE): "WHEN THOU SHALT COME TO JUDGE THE WORLD BY FIRE."

TISTA BUBBLE 3 (ABOVE): "WHEN HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL QUAKE,"
TISTA BUBBLE 4 (ABOVE): "THAT DAY SHALL BE A DAY OF WRATH"



I WAS JUST ADDING SOME GAIETY TO THIS GLOOMY BUILDING.
OOPS.
DARN.
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
WAIT!!
I'm outta here!!
WELL DONE.
I SAY,
MY WORD...

HEY, OLD LADY, YOU'VE GOT A GOOD EYE!
How'd he get up there?
Really!? Really!?
HUH!?
I really improved this wall!!
I'm Pigma. I'll hit it really big someday with my graffiti!!
Hey, Yuuu!
HUH!?

YOU SPRAY CAN THIEF!!
LET GO!!
I GOT YOU THIS TIME, YOU SHITTY BRAT!!
LET GO, BALDY!!
WA WA WA
THIEF?
UM, HOW MUCH WAS IT? I'LL GO GET IT NOW.
THIS KID DOESN'T PAY ATTENTION.
HUH?
UM... EXCUSE ME, SIR... I ASKED HIM TO BUY THAT.

MY WORD
WELL, THEN, WHAT SHALL WE DO?
Shoot. That's.
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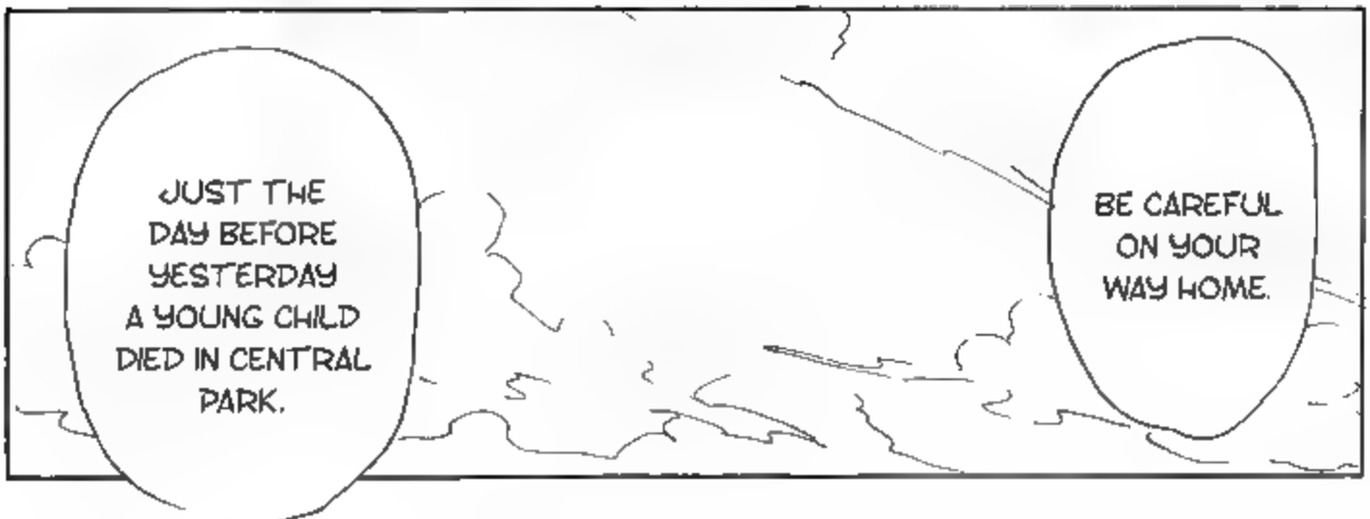
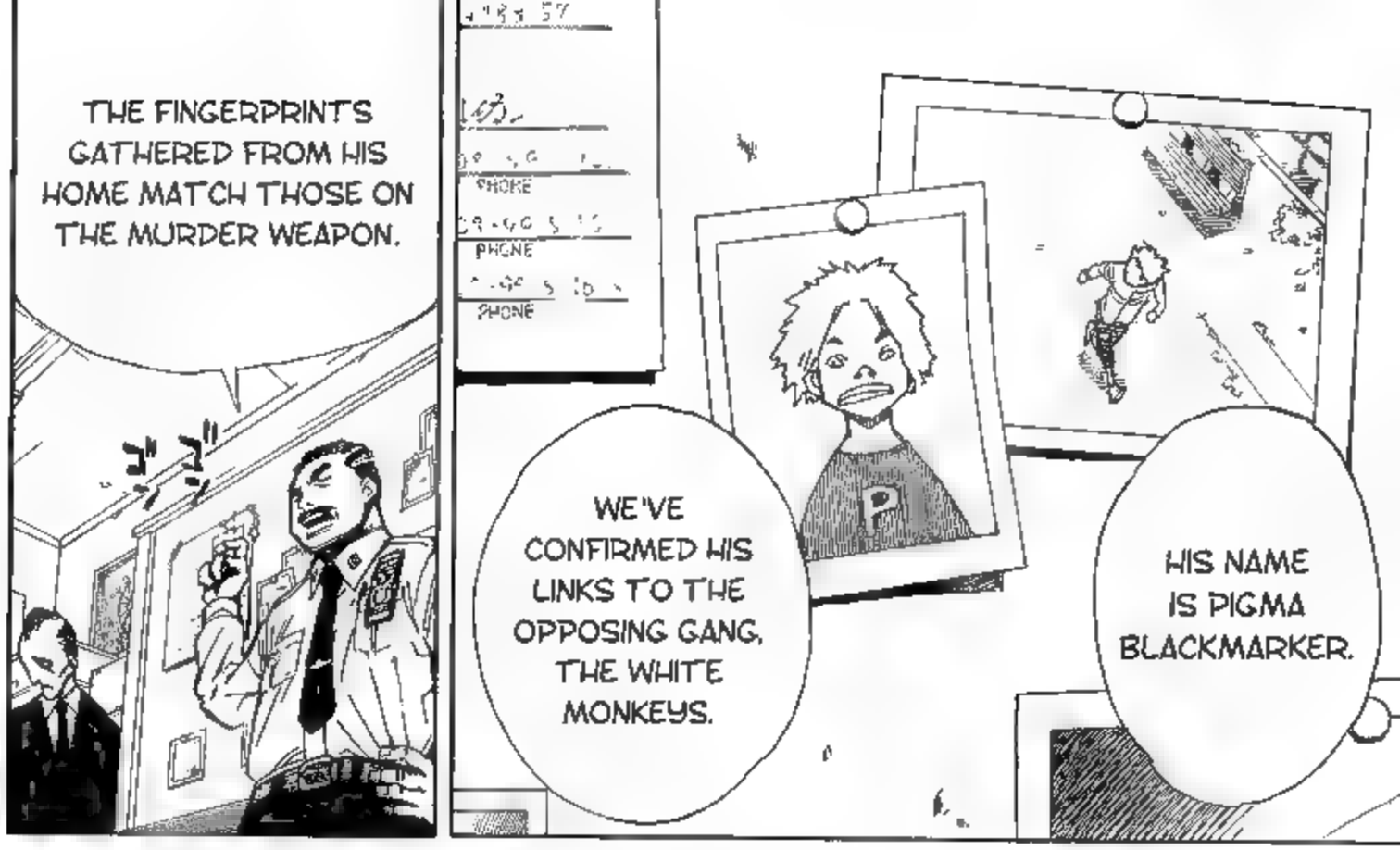
I DON'T WANT ANY SYMPATHY!!
I DIDN'T ASK FOR HELP!
HEY!
...OH.
OH... THAT'S APPRO-PRIATE.
I'll repay it 10 billion times over
IF YOU BECOME A SUCCESS, WONDERFUL REPAYMENT.
WELL, IN RETURN NOW.


JUST THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY A YOUNG CHILD DIED IN CENTRAL PARK.
BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY HOME.

THAT GUY... DIED...?
HUH...
I...
I DIDN'T KNOW HIM.
NO!
OH ...!?
DID YOU KNOW HIM. .?
I DIDN'T KNOW HIM!!
OH...
WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE PERP FROM SURVEILANCE CAMERAS.


THE FINGERPRINTS GATHERED FROM HIS HOME MATCH THOSE ON THE MURDER WEAPON.
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PHONE
PHONE
PHONE
P
WE'VE CONFIRMED HIS LINKS TO THE OPPOSING GANG, THE WHITE MONKEYS.
HIS NAME IS PIGMA BLACKMARKER.

THE VICTIM IS 15 AND THE PERP IS 11...?

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WHAT A FOOL...
HE WAS USED.

MASHIRO!!
11" 9
11" 9
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TISTA!!
Wait!
THAT KID...
THAT RED DOG...
WHAT WILL I DO...
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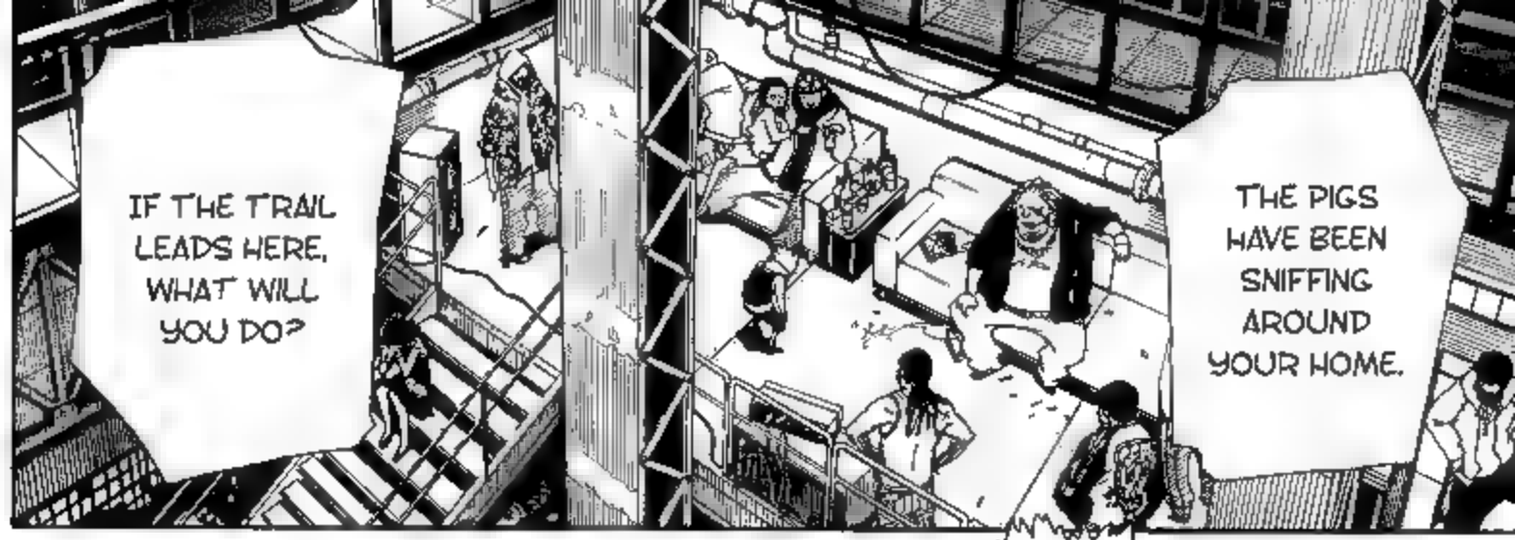
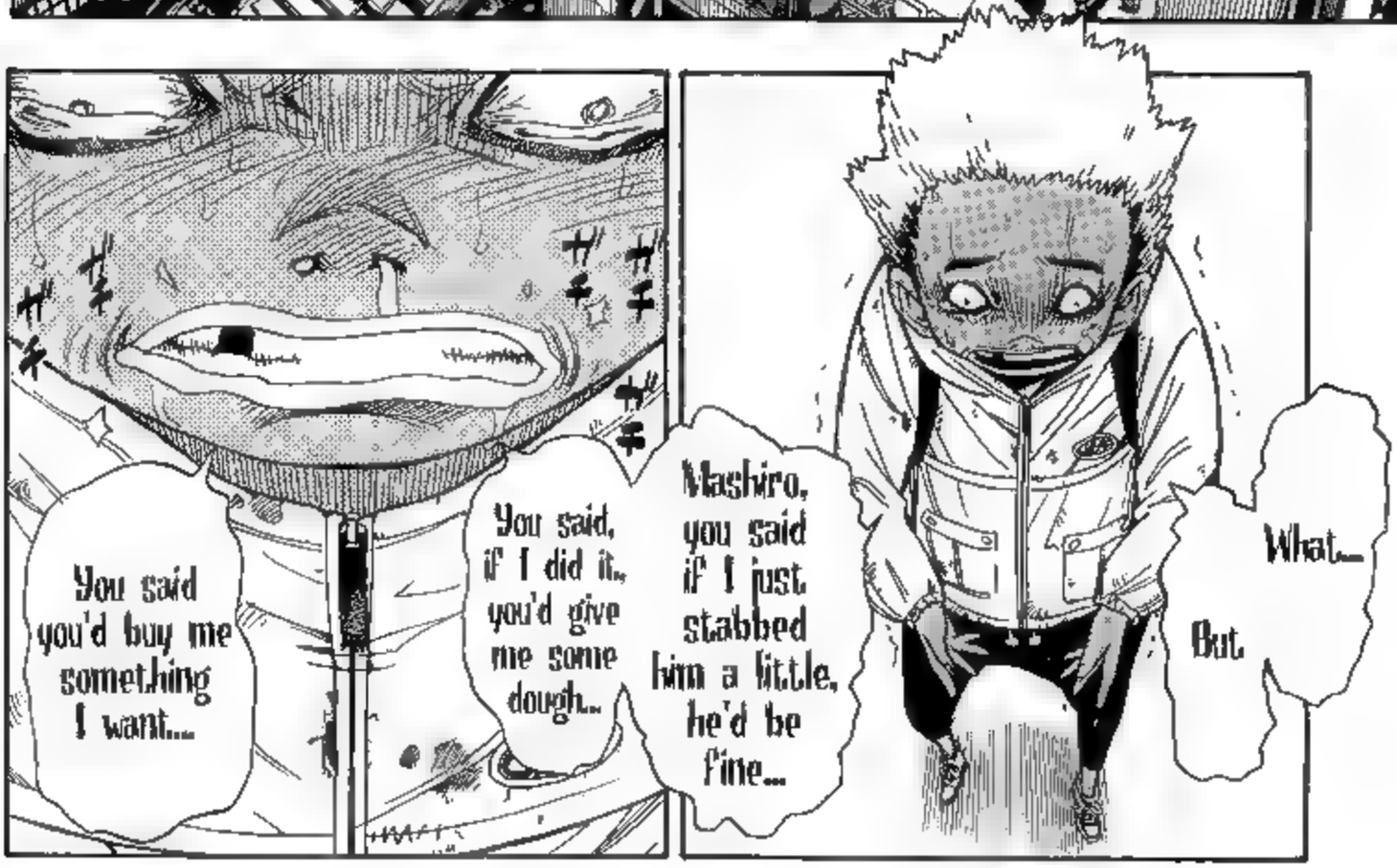
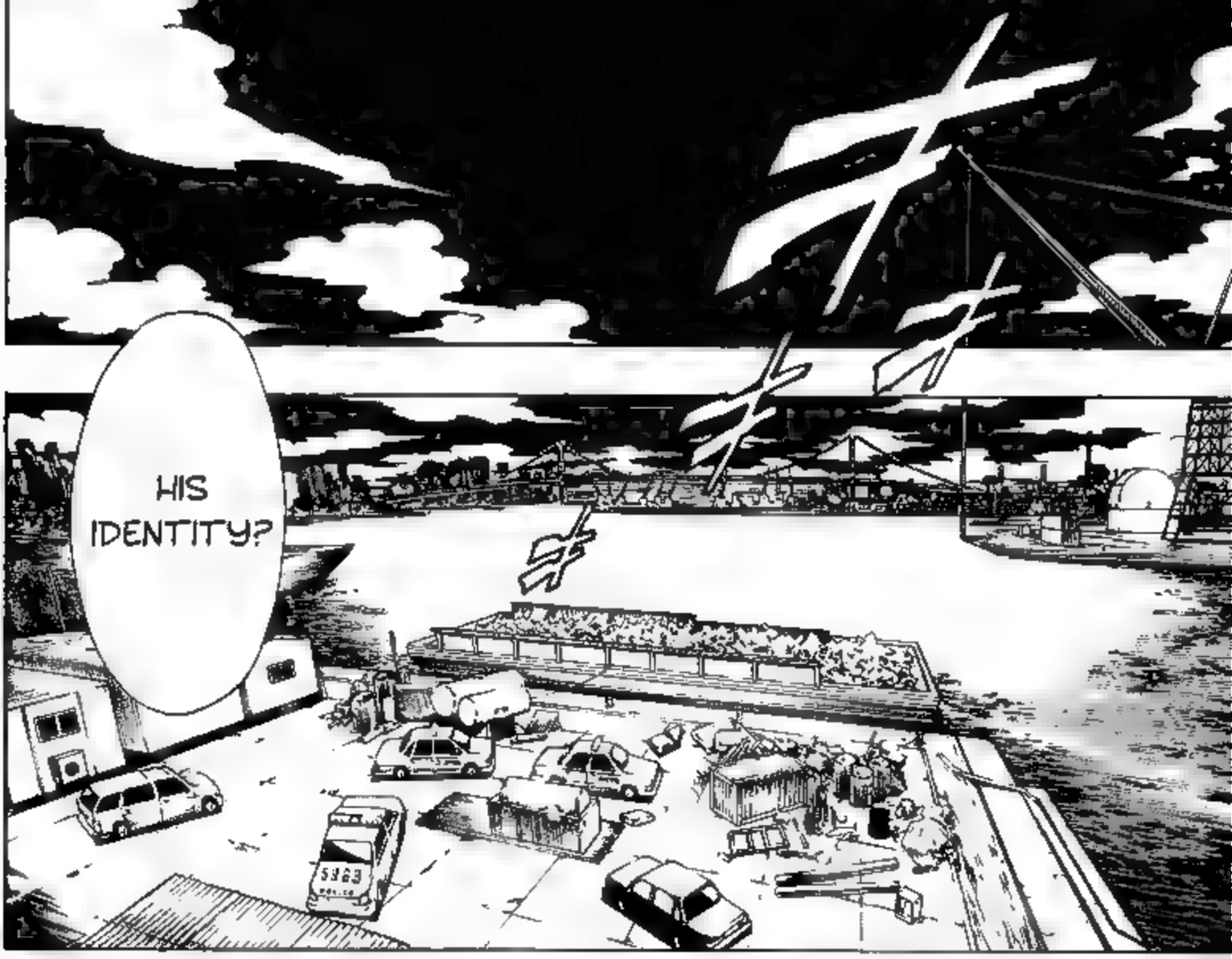
BLUNDERED, PIGMA.
SLISH!
YOU


IF THE TRAIL LEADS HERE, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
THE PIGS HAVE BEEN SNIFFING AROUND YOUR HOME.


You said you'd buy me something I want...
You said, if I did it, you'd give me some dough...
Mashiro, you said if I just stabbed him a little, he'd be fine...
What... But

WHAT? ARE YOU BLAMING YOUR BLUNDER ON ME?
IF YOU'RE A MAN, YOU SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT'S REAL LOW, YOU PIECE OF SHIT.

NO, STOP!!
I WON'T SAY ANY-THING!!
NO?
YAAAAAAAAARRRRGH
HEY, HEY, A GUY WHO SCREAMS OVER THAT WILL SOON SPILL HIS GUTS.
I DON' WANNA DIE.
I DON' WANNA DIE.
NO
ZDOR


HIS IDENTITY?

WE'RE CHECKING WITH HIS MOTHER NOW. .

WE CAN'T MAKE OUT HIS FACE,
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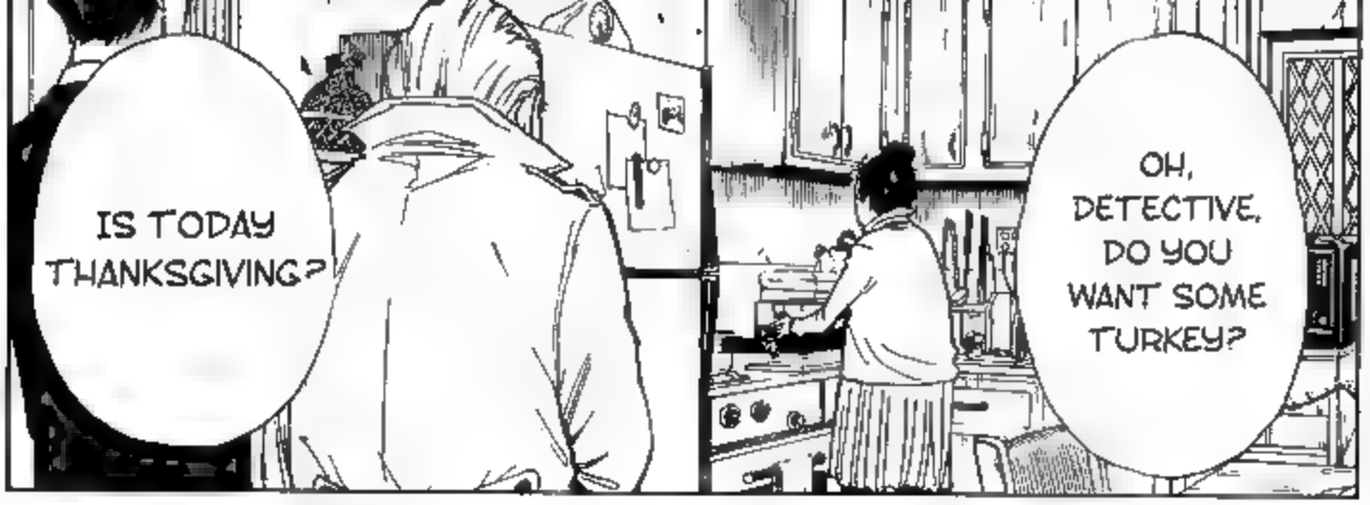
NYPD
BUT FROM HIS FINGERPRINTS, IT'S PIGMA'S CORPSE.

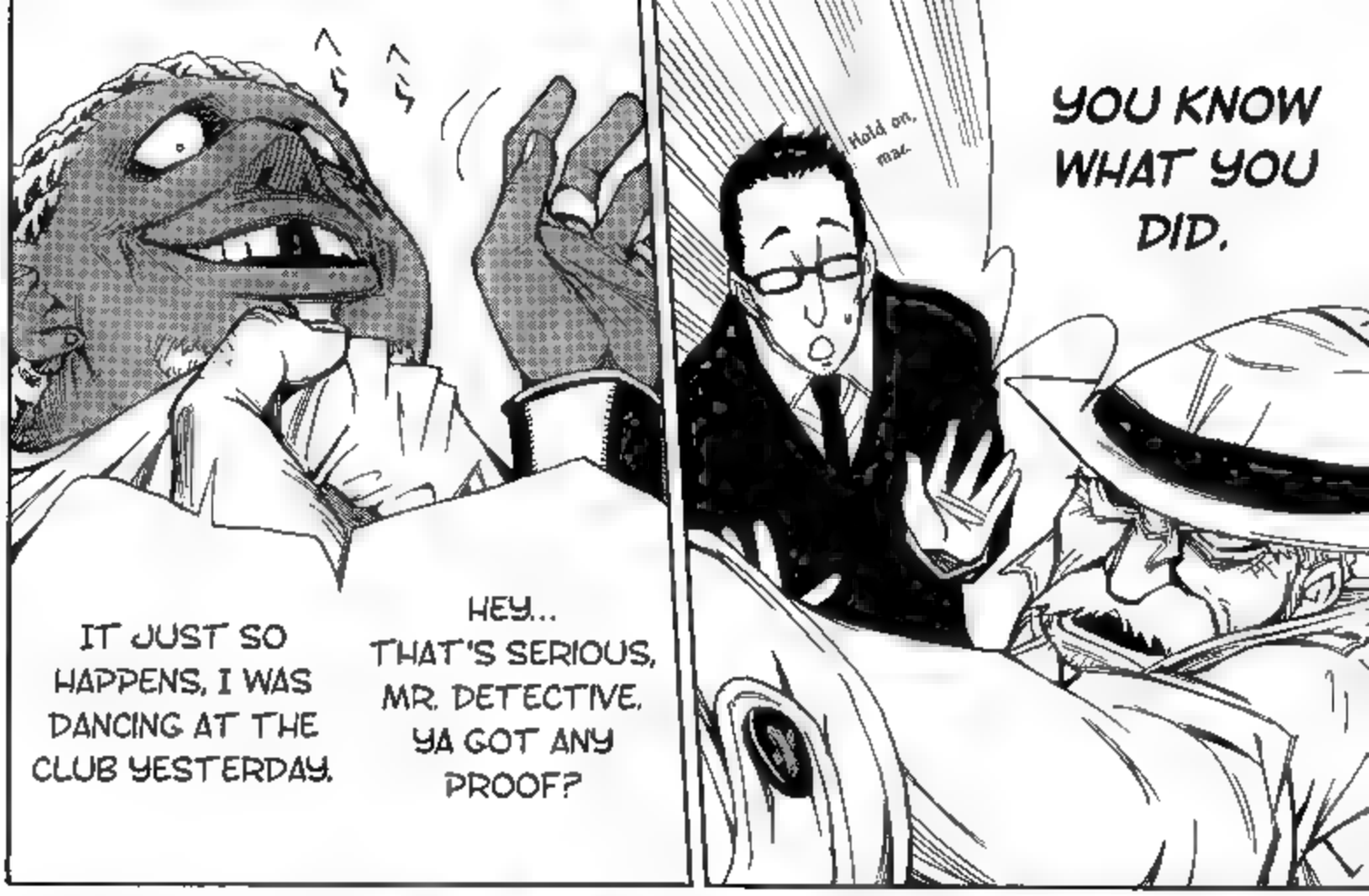
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BUY ME A PRETTY DRESS WHEN HE WAS FAMOUS.
THAT BOY..


IS TODAY THANKSGIVING?
OH, DETECTIVE. DO YOU WANT SOME TURKEY?

HEHE... ISN'T IT FOOLISH?
I DON'T EVEN NEED CLOTHES...

I WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO BUY IT.
BUT IT WON'T TASTE GOOD EATING IT ALONE.
TURKEY

HEY, HEY, WHAT'S UP, DETECTIVE.
MASHIRO!!


IT JUST SO HAPPENS, I WAS DANCING AT THE CLUB YESTERDAY.
HEY... THAT'S SERIOUS, MR. DETECTIVE. YA GOT ANY PROOF?
Hold on, mac.
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DID.

BAAM!!!
Thank you to a special person. Can I say I love you, Baby!?
Happy Thanksgiving!

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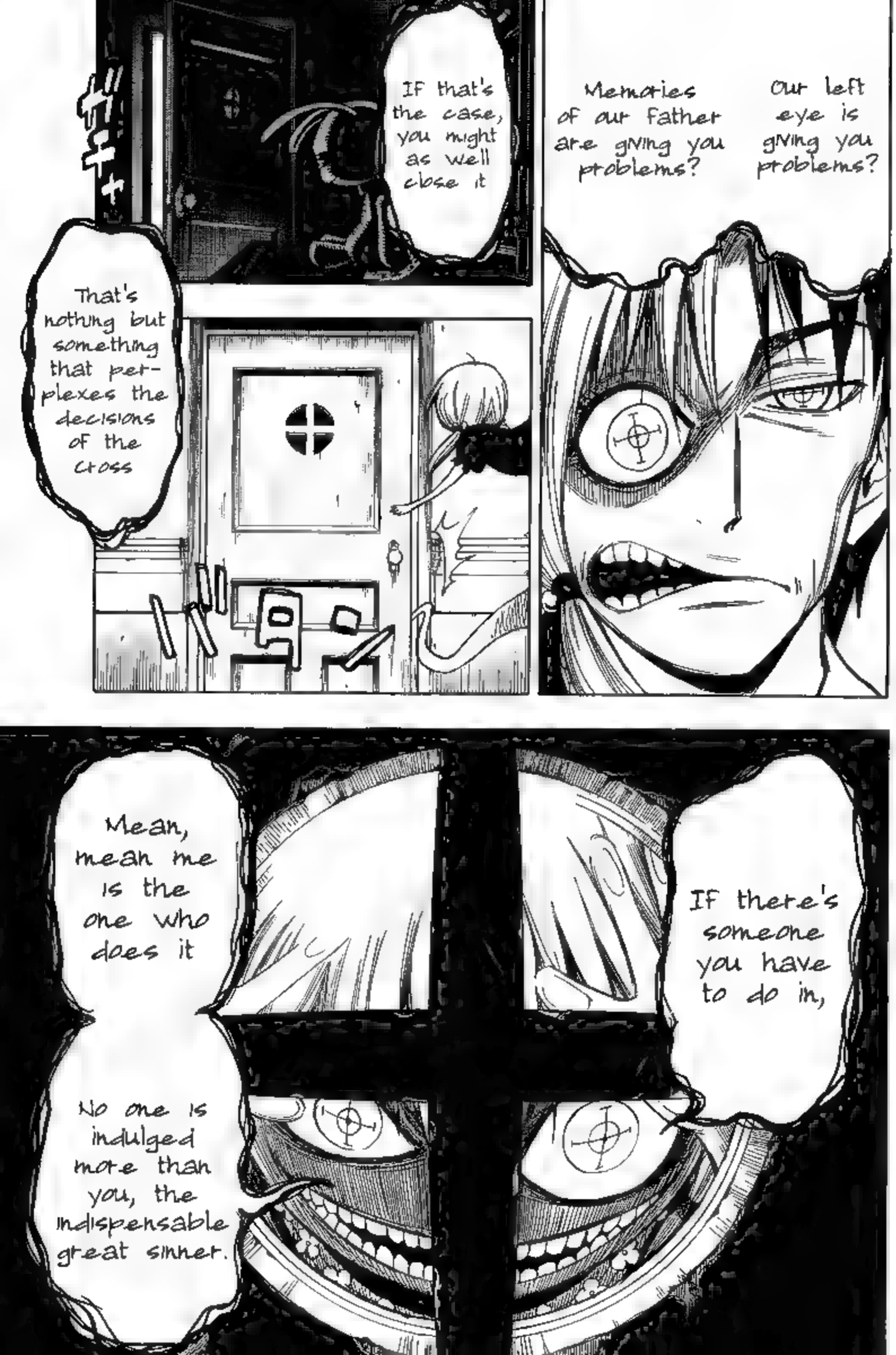
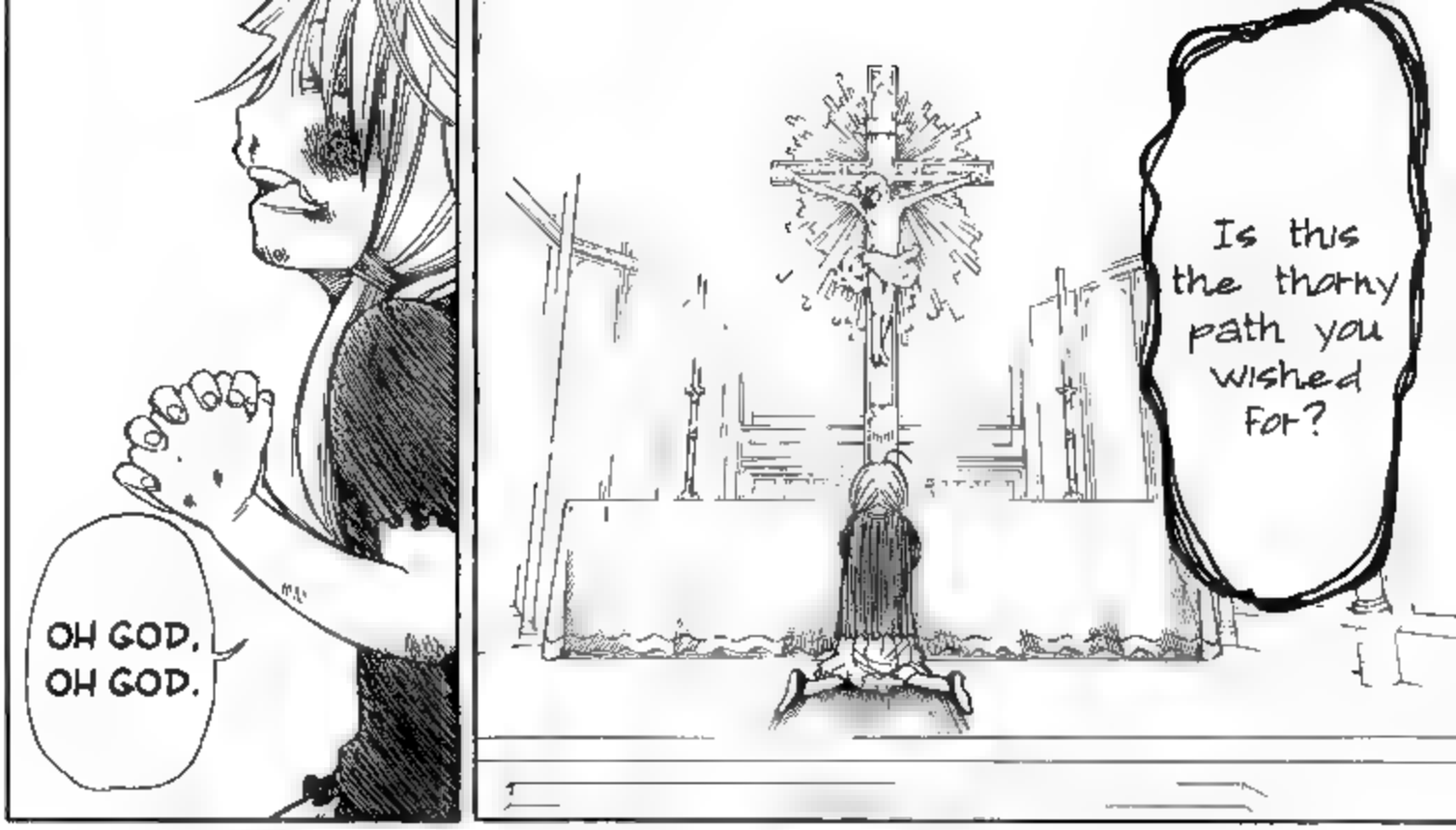
WHAT ...
THIS...
If I can't say it, well, it's too late, isn't it?
ACCORDING TO THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, THE MURDERER WAS THE GANG LEADER, MASHIRO APES.
PERHAPS HE WAS JUST TRYING TO SAVE HIMSELF BY SACRIFICING A SCAPEGOAT
THIS IS TO BE DONE NEXT...
!?
SISTER LONE!?

Hey, Tista Lone.
Do you remember?
I've made a lot of friends.
While you've been ignoring me,
Well, then you won't be forgiven.
SQUEAK
Well, then I won't be saved.

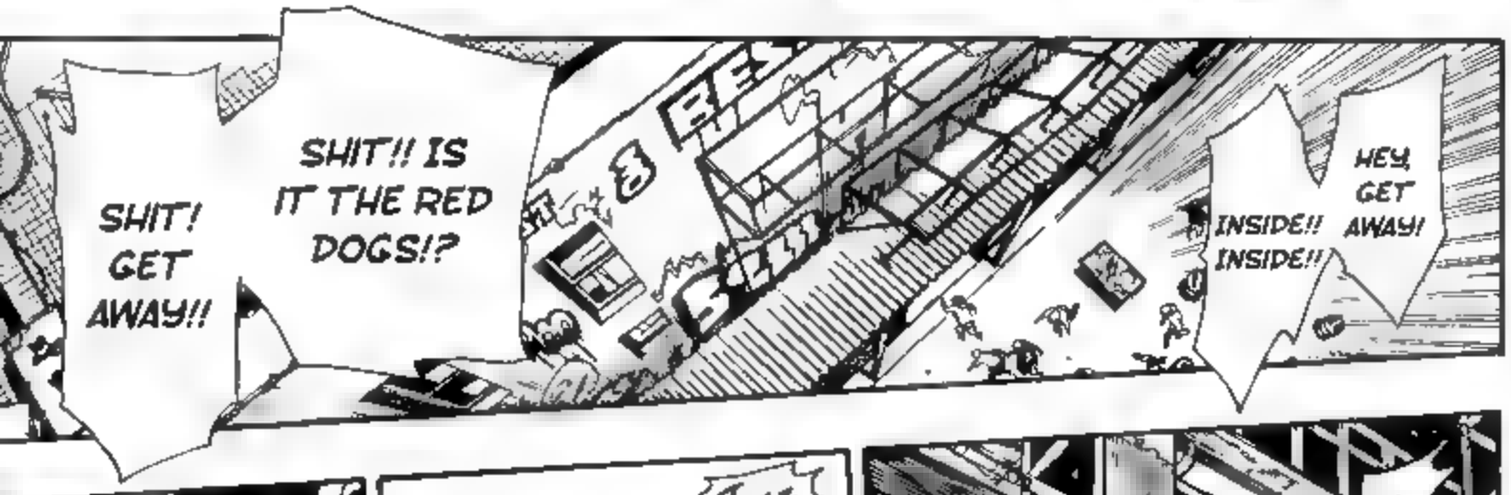

IF that's the case, you might as well close it
That's nothing but something that perplexes the decisions of the cross
Memories of our father are giving you problems?
Our left eye is giving you problems?
Mean, mean me is the one who does it
No one is indulged more than you, the indispensable great sinner.
IF there's someone you have to do in,


OH GOD, OH GOD.
Is this the thorny path you wished for?

OH, SOME-HOW...
PAPA AND MAMA...

May he die.

WHA?
HUH?
WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAT!?
Hey, Cable !!
Jack !
HUH?


SHIT! GET AWAY!!
SHIT!! IS IT THE RED DOGS!?
INSIDE!! INSIDE!!
HEY, GET AWAY!

KER CHACK
WHAT IS IT, DAMN IT...
NAH
Jeez
NAH
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT THE...!!?
CAN!

THE DEBT WILL BE PAID IN FULL...
WHA!?
THAT BRAT PIGMA DID IT ON HIS OWN!!
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO KILLED ON YOUR TURF!!
N... NO!!
THERE-FORE...
R.I.P
SQUEEZE
Pray.
Think of death and repent
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
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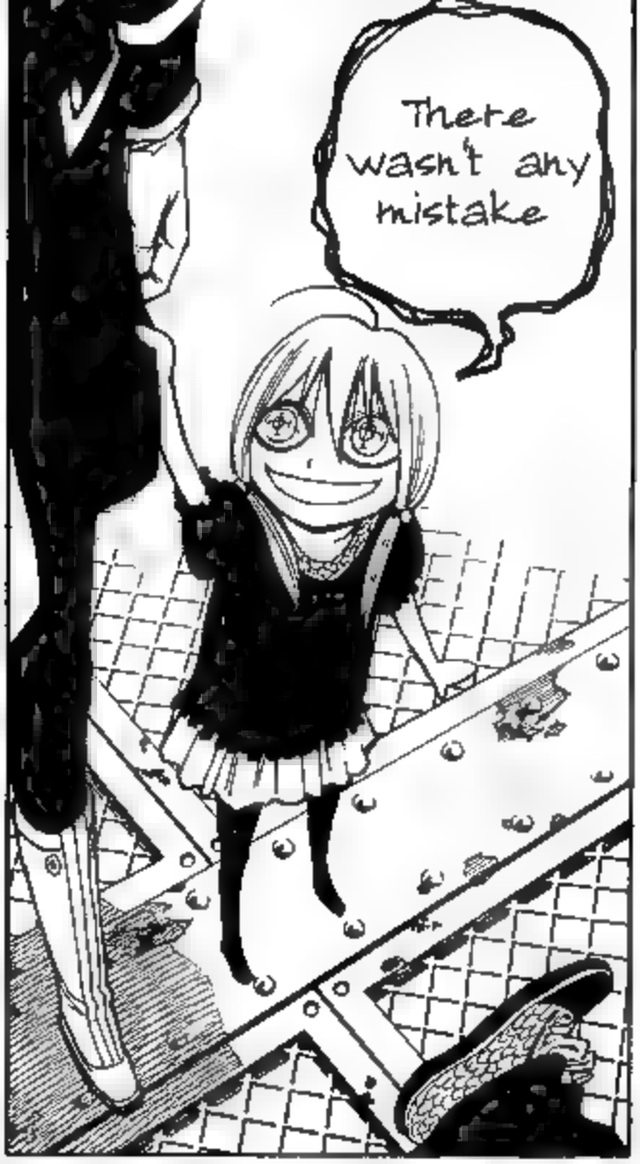
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
YOU DARE...



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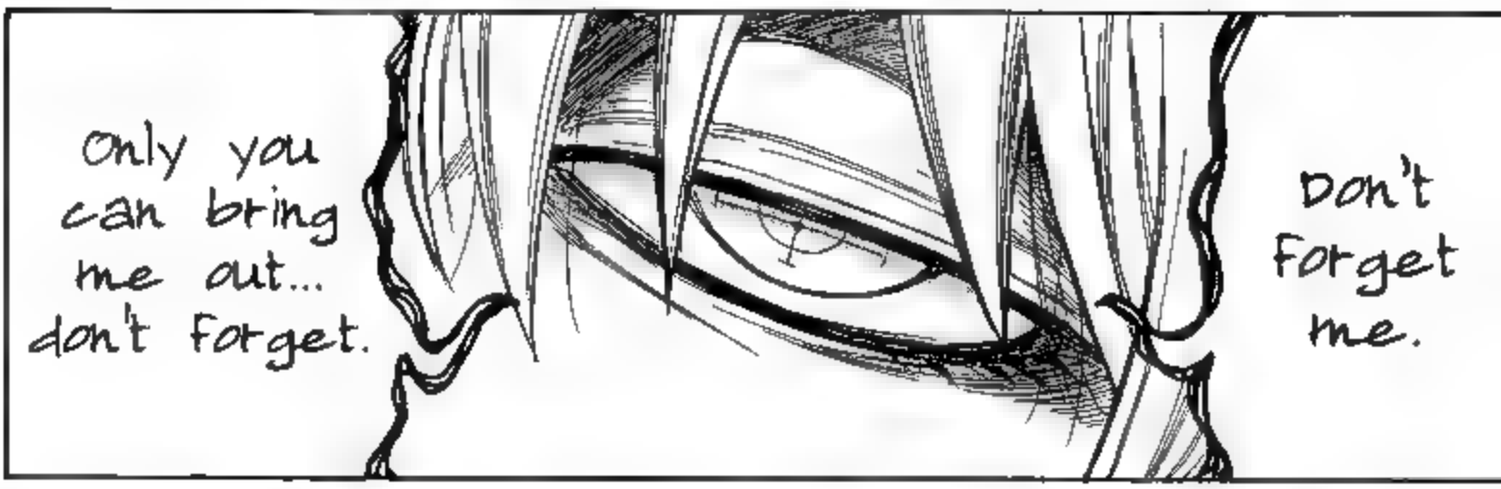

Morning, noon or night, inside or outside, never, nowhere let the prayers for atonement be extinguished
For the sake of pitiful, pitiful, pathetic me,

Thank you.

FOR NOW.
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.
カツン…
カツン…
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.

2ND
I need to go to work.
The evening routine of today
INK PICNIC
CREAK
EXIT
THAT'S UNUSUAL, YOU SMOKING.
OH...

Give me a beer
SORRY, SOMEHOW I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR TURKEY TODAY.
'SOKAY.
NEITHER AM I.
WELL.
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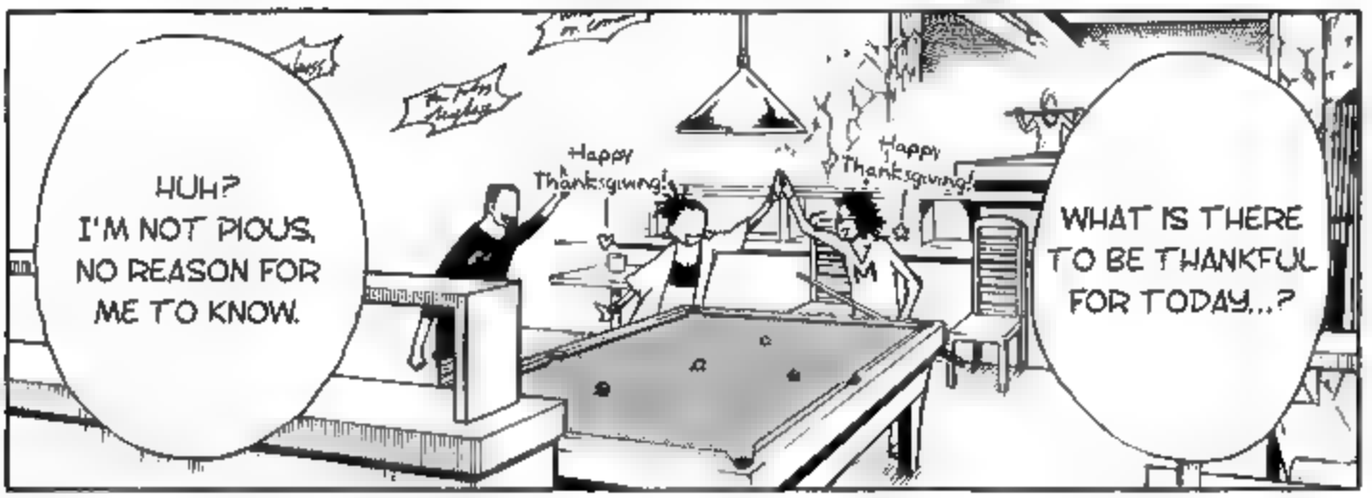

Happy Thanksgiving!
Happy Thanksgiving!
WHAT IS THERE TO BE THANKFUL FOR TODAY...?
HUH? I'M NOT PIOUS, NO REASON FOR ME TO KNOW.

...WELL, FOR THE TIME BEING, THERE'S THIS...
You must be close to retirement age.
AT LEAST WE'RE ALIVE NOW.
HEH... AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH.
THAT'S RIGHT...

I CERTAINLY WAS ABOUT TO.

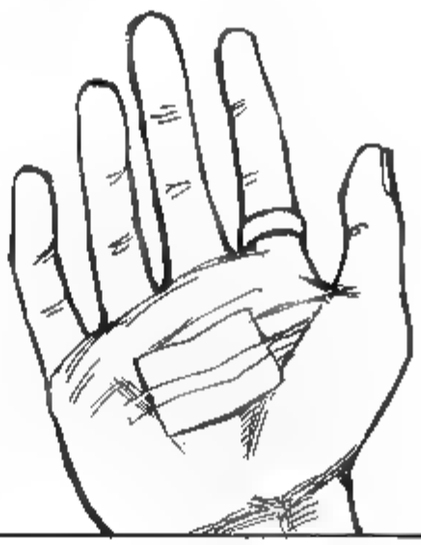
I MIGHT HAVE DIED.

EXCUSE ME.

YEAH.

EXIT

THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN ASK AFTER I KNOW MY OWN LIMITATIONS.



WHAT CAN I DO...?

HEY, ARTY!

MACK EY

THIS ISN'T A JOB FOR AN ORDINARY PERSON

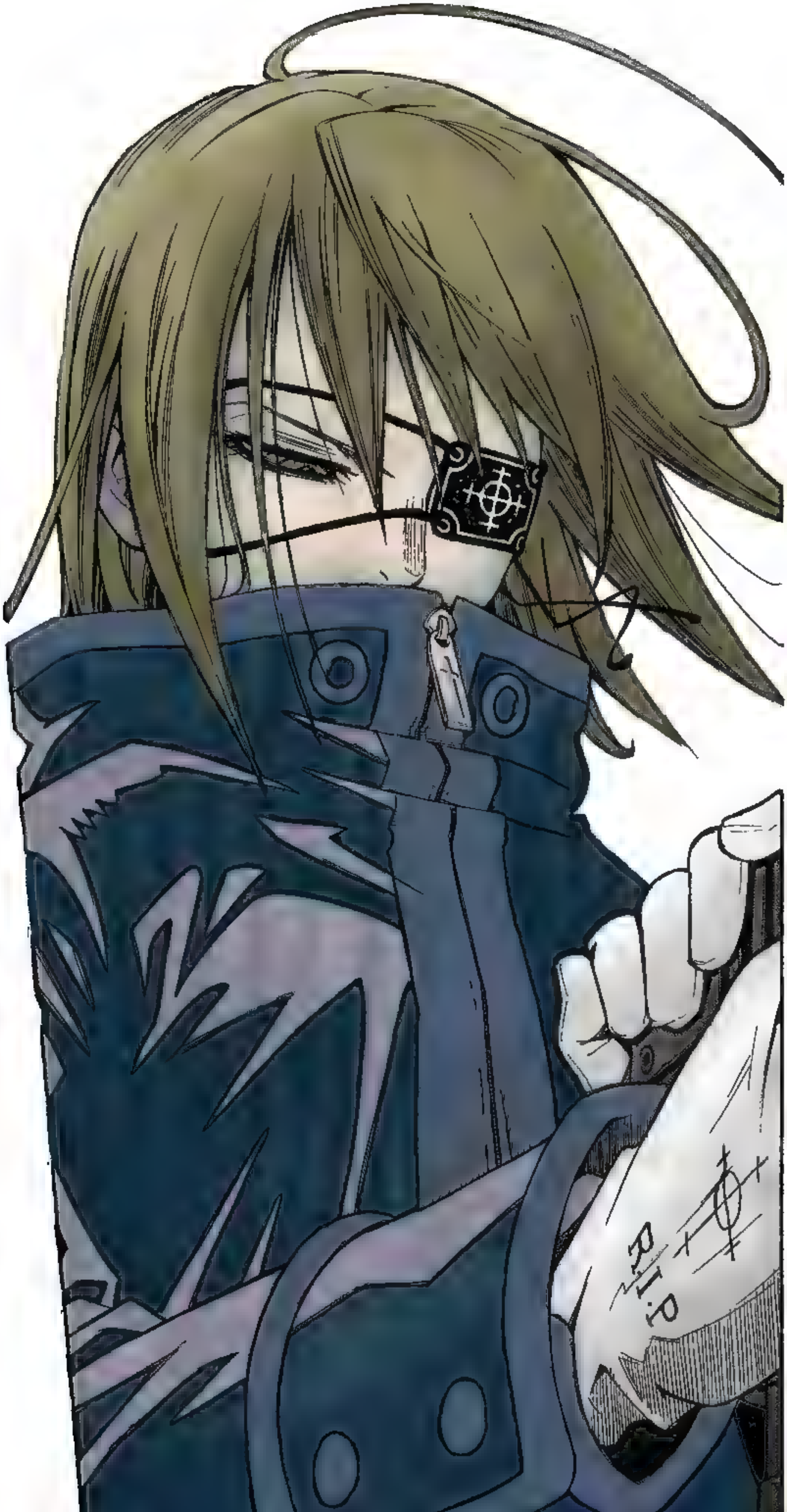
STUB

ARTY, DO YOU HAVE A GIRL FRIEND!?
HUH!?
OOOH, OOOH!
OH, I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT RIGHT NOW.
THIS GIRL WANTS TO TALK TO YOU FOR SOME REASON.
I ♥ BUCKS
OOH, I HEARD THIS FROM A FRIEND...
UM?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL...?
WHO IS SHE?
TISTA LONE...
THE FBI IS CLOSING IN...!!!

TISTA— Continued in the April issue (on sale March 4)

R.I.P

TISTA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TISTA

HELP!

STOP!!

MY LORD, GRANT THEM ETERNAL PEACE AND BATHE THEM IN THY EVERLASTING LIGHT

AMEN

The Brokers are just the scape-goats...

Outside, Sister!!

IT'S OVER, DEACON.

SHIT!

THOSE TRIAD BASTARDS HAVE STEPPED IN THE SHIT!! THEY'LL PAY THROUGH THE NOSE!!

HAH

THAT'S THE SERIAL KILLER...

CRUNCH...

SISTER

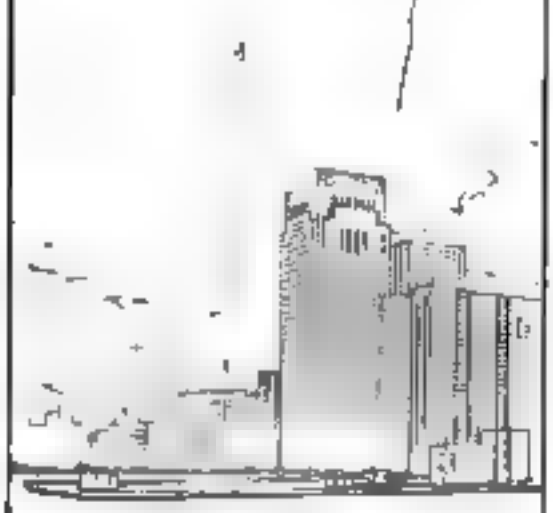
4+ ...

IS NOT SOMETHING I CAN APPROVE OF

APPROACHING THE ENEMY NEEDLESSLY

BE CAREFUL.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 18 BODIES.



TWELVE OF THEM APPEAR TO BE MEMBERS OF A CHINATOWN TRIADS GANG AND THE OTHER SIX APPEAR TO BE RUSSIAN BROKERS.

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CHAPTER V: RED ALERT

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Endou Tatsuya

WE WERE ABLE TO SAFELY RECOVER NINE CHILDREN.

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE A GROUP DEALING IN THE TRADE OF ORGANS AND PEOPLE PREYING ON DEBTORS AND WAIFS.

THERE'S NO EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY FROM THE COAST GUARD THIS TIME. HOWEVER

SOME OF THE CHILDREN SAY THEY SAW A WOMAN.

OH. AND FROM THE CARTRIDGES.

IT'S MILITIA'S HANDIWORK?

HM.

HEY, SNOW! WHERE'S SNOW!?

DIDN'T SHE GO OUT A WHILE AGO.?

CURRENTLY UNDER THE CARE OF THE CITY'S CHILD WELFARE OFFICE.

THESE CHILDREN ARE ?

ARTY DRAWER

THAT GREENHORN, DIDN'T I TELL HER THAT THAT WAS THE NYPD'S JOB?

FEH

JOH
YOS
NIN
TISTA
N
HOLYVOR
LONE
XIAOJI

YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU ROOM 303...?

WHAT, WHAT?

I want to see it!!

Yup!

IT'S BETTER LIKE THAT. ♡

EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T ASKED FOR IT TO BE CLEANED YET AND IT'S STILL DIRTY?

WHAT KIND OF GIRL WAS SHE?

.....

UM, WELL.

THAT'S ...

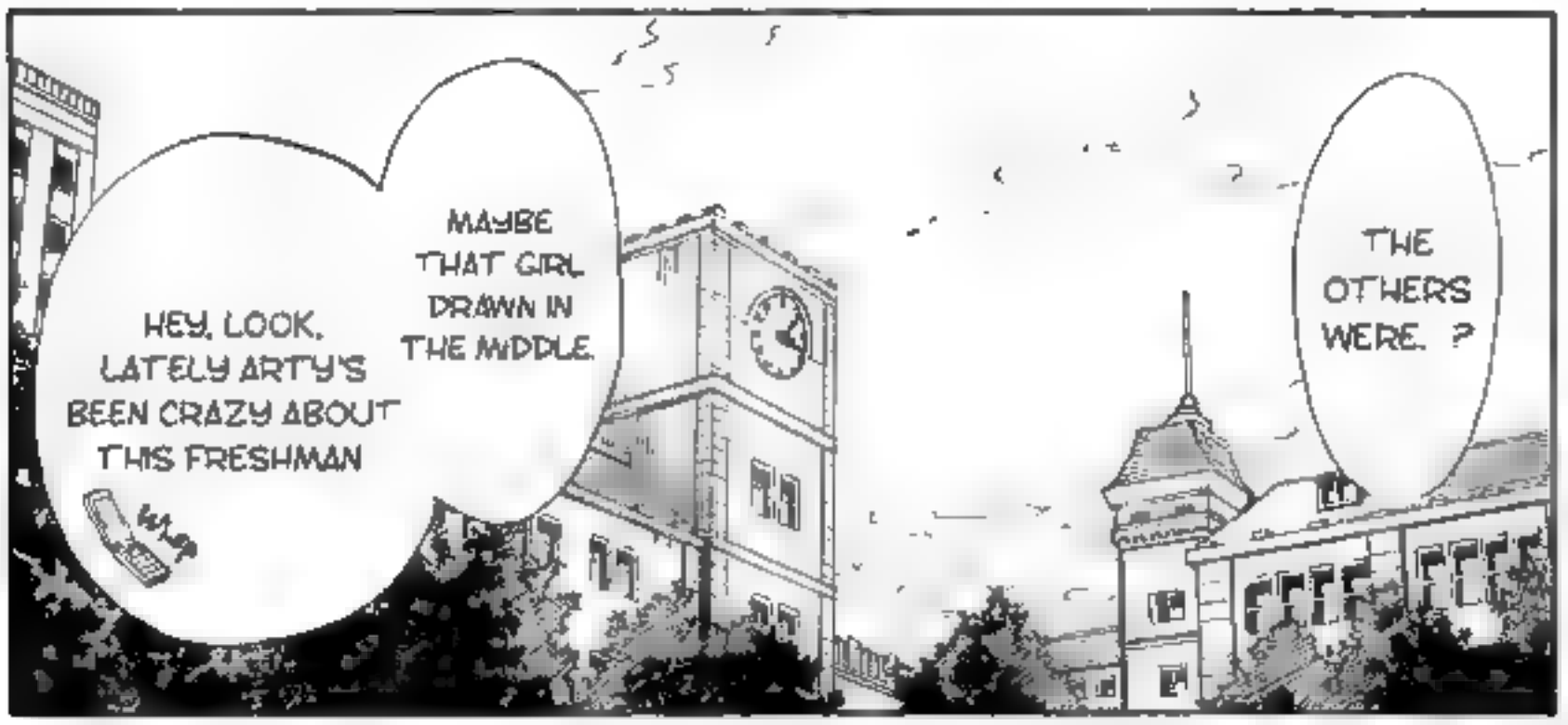
SHE WAS...

SAY, MR. MANAGER, SIR. WHAT KIND OF A PERSON WAS MISS LONE?

HE
HELL X DEAR

He already got that away
HE WANTS SOMEONE TO COME HOME ?
I DON'T GET IT EVERYONE'S BEEN INTERESTED IN THAT UNEXHIBITED PICTURE.

HM? THAT'S RIGHT
THIS IS ARTY'S PICTURE?
HEY.
Who are you?


HEY, LOOK. LATELY ARTY'S BEEN CRAZY ABOUT THIS FRESHMAN
MAYBE THAT GIRL DRAWN IN THE MIDDLE.
THE OTHERS WERE. ?

TISTA

LONE.

...

SINCE THE INCIDENT AT THE MUSEUM...

OH, THAT'S RIGHT...

WELL, HE'D SAY THAT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

ISN'T IT NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE WAS SEEING HER BEFORE, AND THE INCIDENT SEPARATED THEM BY CHANCE?

WELL, SINCE I HAVEN'T HAD ANY PRIVATE TALKS WITH HIM..

Isn't it not?

By the way, who are you?

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...

OH?

I'M BUSY THINKING!! GO AWA...

ANYWAY, WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THAT...

I HEARD YOU WERE ARDENTLY PURSUING HER.

HUH... WELL, WHAT IS IT?

OH... SHUT UR

Oh... It's unrequited love!? Are you stalking her!?

I'm 20 (27)♡

I'm Nix, a sophomore in Psychology. (Lie)

THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THE CAUSE OF MILITIA BECOMING EMOTIONAL WAS INSIDE OF WEST GEENO...

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS BOY IS CONNECTED TO THE UNDERWORLD BY HIS FOSTER PARENT, HARRIS, AND VARIOUS OTHER WAYS... HOWEVER,

THIS GIRL... IS SHE POLICE...? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT,

BUT I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL WHAT I SAY.

WHAT WAS I SAYING...?

HUH?

Can I sit next to you?

I SAW YOU.

HUH, WHA, WHAT...?

THAT I'M AT MY LIMITS AND ABOUT TO GIVE UP.

JUST NOW...

HUH?

WITH THAT GUY WHO LOOKED LIKE A DETECTIVE.

WHEN YOU WERE HAVING A SECRET MEETING

Say, are you some kind of a stalker

THAT WASN'T MUCH OF A SECRET MEETING, WAS IT?

I MEAN, YOU WERE SITTING RIGHT HERE TALKING JUST NOW.

ARTY, HELP MEEEE!!

KIDNAPPED!!

HUH!?

THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER, TISTA LONE,

HEH HEH HEH, AND I UNDERSTAND

THIS IS.

WAIT, WAIT!!

Why do you have that picture?

THE COPS ARE A LITTLE UH

HUH? SO YOU WERE WITH THE DETECTIVE... HUH? AH!! BUT KIDNAPPING IS THE FBI'S RESPONSIBILITY!! I HAPPEN TO HAVE A FRIEND THERE! TELL HIM...

THIS IS TERRIBLE... WE HAVE TO TELL THE COPS!!

WAIT.

They'll do an investigation using this portrait!

AH NO.

HUH? WHY IS THAT? IS SHE REALLY KIDNAPPED?

THAT'S A LIE.

WELL.

THE TRUTH IS, THAT GIRL

SHE'S DOING DRUGS..

IF THERE'S A CRIME, THEY'LL TELL STORIES TO TRY TO HIDE THE CONNECTIONS TO THE VICTIM OR ASSAILANT.

SO

HM?

IT ISN'T UNNATURAL TO PREVARICATE ON THE FIRST MEETING WITH ME.

MY INTUITION IS TELLING ME!!

BUT

BE-SIDES,

TAKING IT ON ALONE ISN'T GOOD!

IF IT'S LIKE THAT, THE HELP OF A SPECIALIST IS REALLY NECESSARY.

BUT

IN THAT CASE, THERE'S ALL THE MORE REASON TO TALK TO THE POLICE!

INTUITION AND INSIGHT ARE RATED HIGHLY IN FBI PROFILING!

HUH?

I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, ARTY...

UM... IT SEEMS LIKE WITH YOUR FAMILY PROBLEMS AND THE INCIDENT AT THE MUSEUM, YOU HAVE A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT.

I'M SORRY IF I'VE MADE YOU FEEL BAD WITH THIS KIND OF TALK .

I WANT TO HELP YOU, ARTY!!

IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO, JUST TELL ME!!

Here's my cell number!

AH OH.

EVERYTHING WAS SAD... IT SOMEHOW GAVE ME AN OBSESSIVE IMPRESSION.

WHEN I SAW THE PICTURE HANGING IN THE COLLEGE CAFETERIA,

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO... HUH?

I WONDER IF SHE HAS THE SAME FEELING ABOUT ME...

Is this a scam? Counseling?

BY THE WAY,

THE WEST GEENO SHOOTER HASN'T BEEN CAUGHT YET, RIGHT?

SEEMS THAT WAY...
.....

WELL, WHAT ARE YOUR EYES SAYING?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON, DO YOU THINK?

... BUT I THINK THE SHOOTER IS ALSO SOMEONE TO BE PITIED.
HEY, WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS IT?

WHAT IS THIS... IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM!! IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU!?
Shameless!

HE TENDS TO LOOK RIGHT AND UP! (IN THE CASE OF RIGHT-HANDED MEN.)

SHE'S DOING DRUGS.

WHEN A PERSON MAKES UP A STORY SAYING HE HASN'T SEEN OR HEARD ANYTHING,

IT'S EASY TO COMPRE-HEND!!

LEFT AND UP!!

THE SHOOTER IS WHAT KIND OF ?

HUH?

ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN REMEM-BERING A PAST INCIDENT ..

YOU INVENTED SOMETHING TO SAY!!

Rough man, wasn't he?

Like Schwarze-negger

Maybe

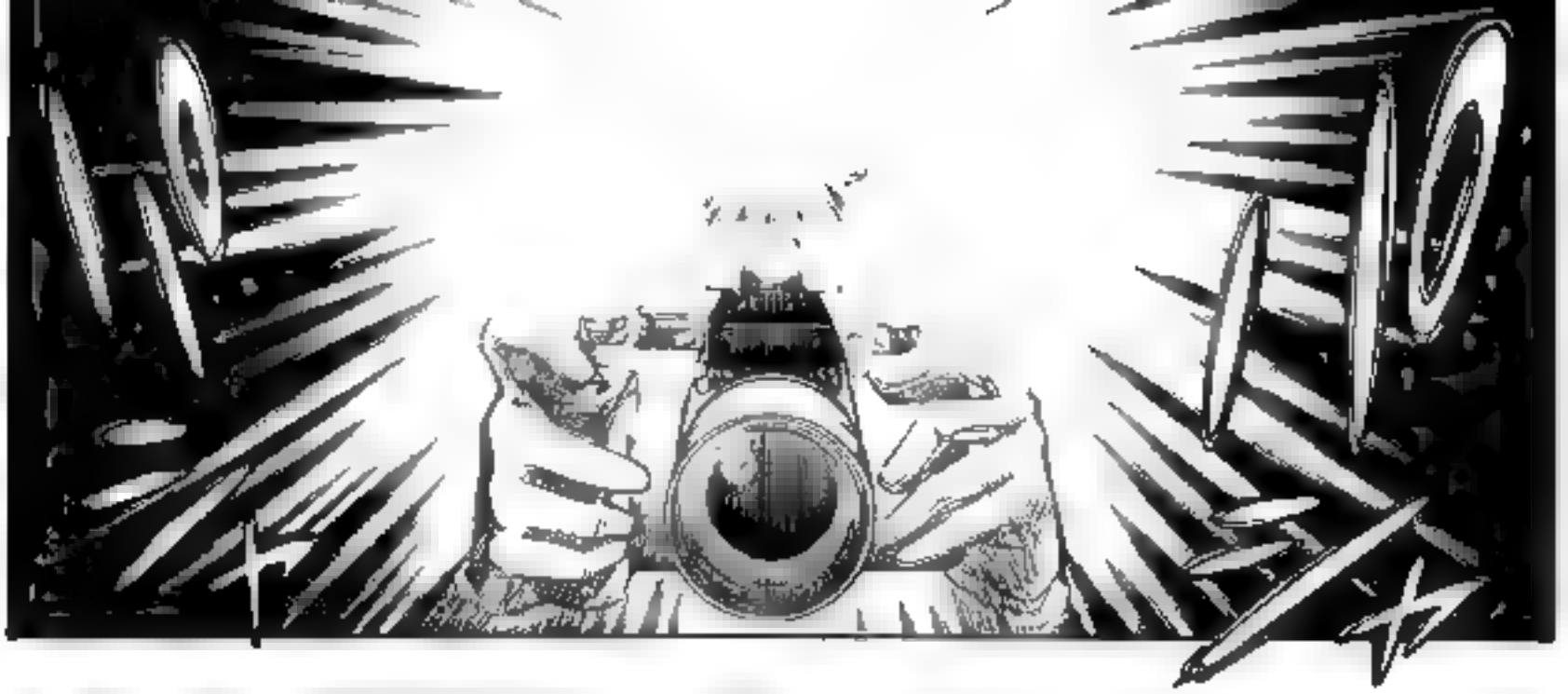
Some kind of..

AFTER YOU THOUGHT OF MILITIA FOR AN INSTANT,

THAT "ABSOLUTELY" ISN'T NATURAL.

BUT,

ISN'T THERE VALUE IN INVESTIGATING MANY THINGS?



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...ZOOM

THERE'S NOTHING.. TO AN UNNATURAL EXTENT.
NOT A FINGER-PRINT NOR A HAIR WAS LEFT
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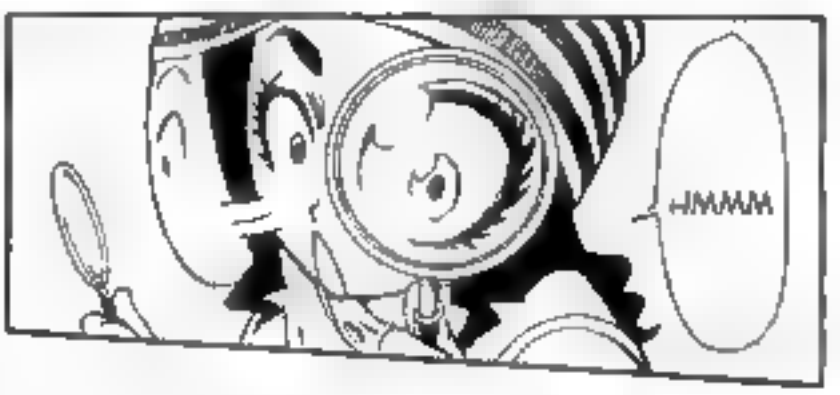
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A white hair from that old man...
OH, WHAT'S THIS!

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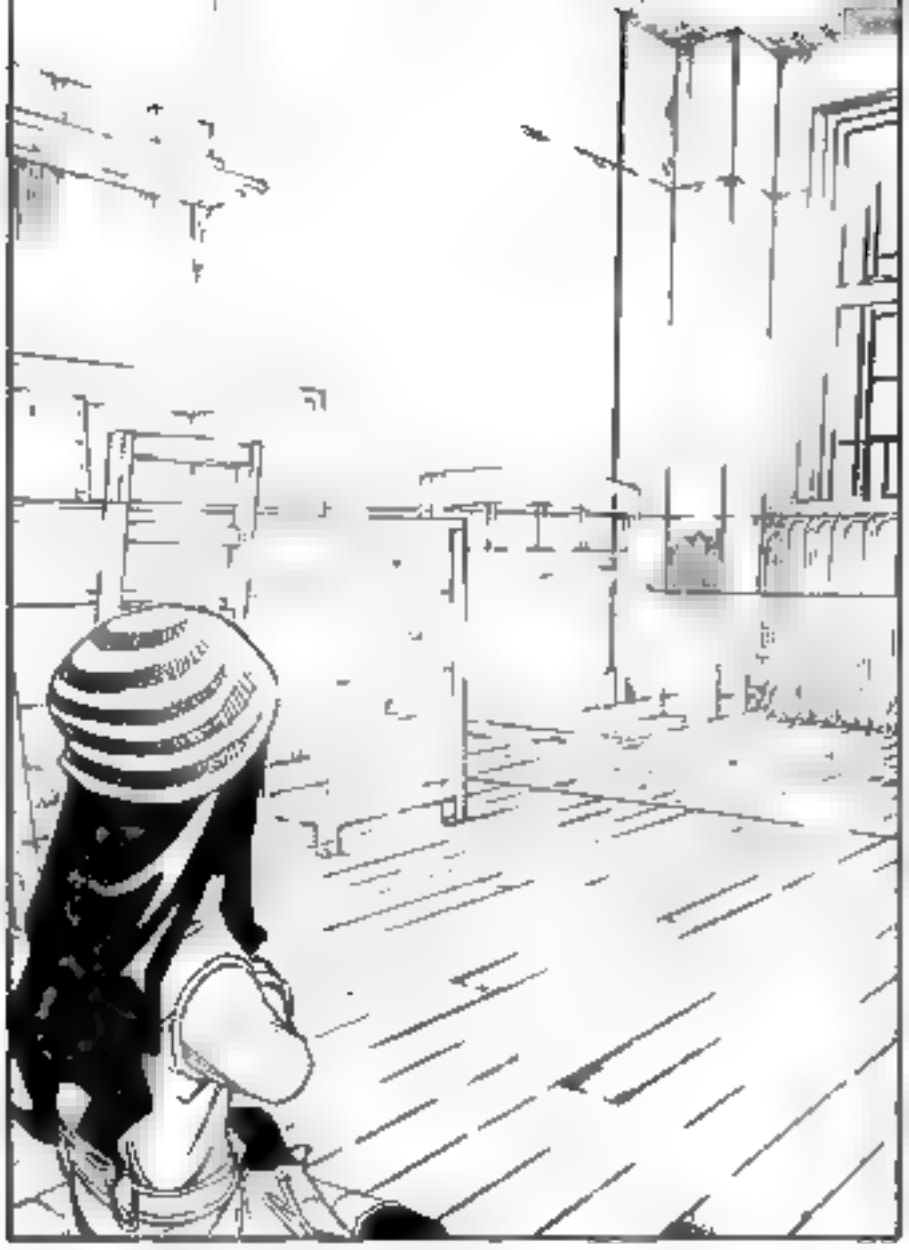

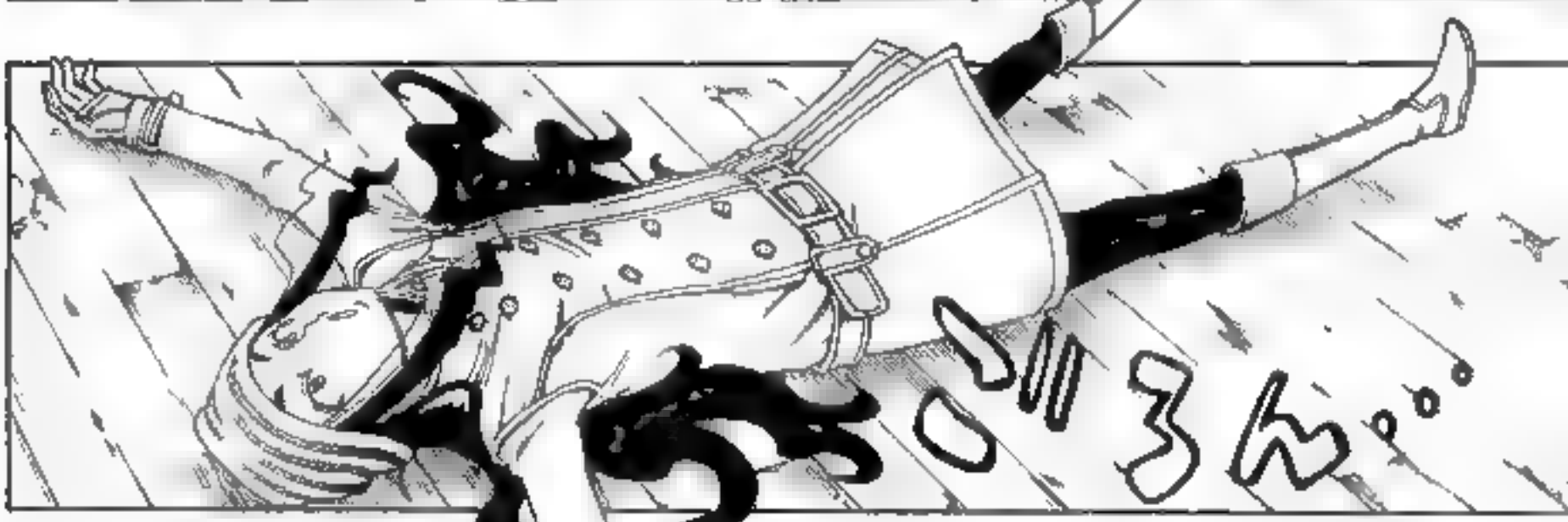

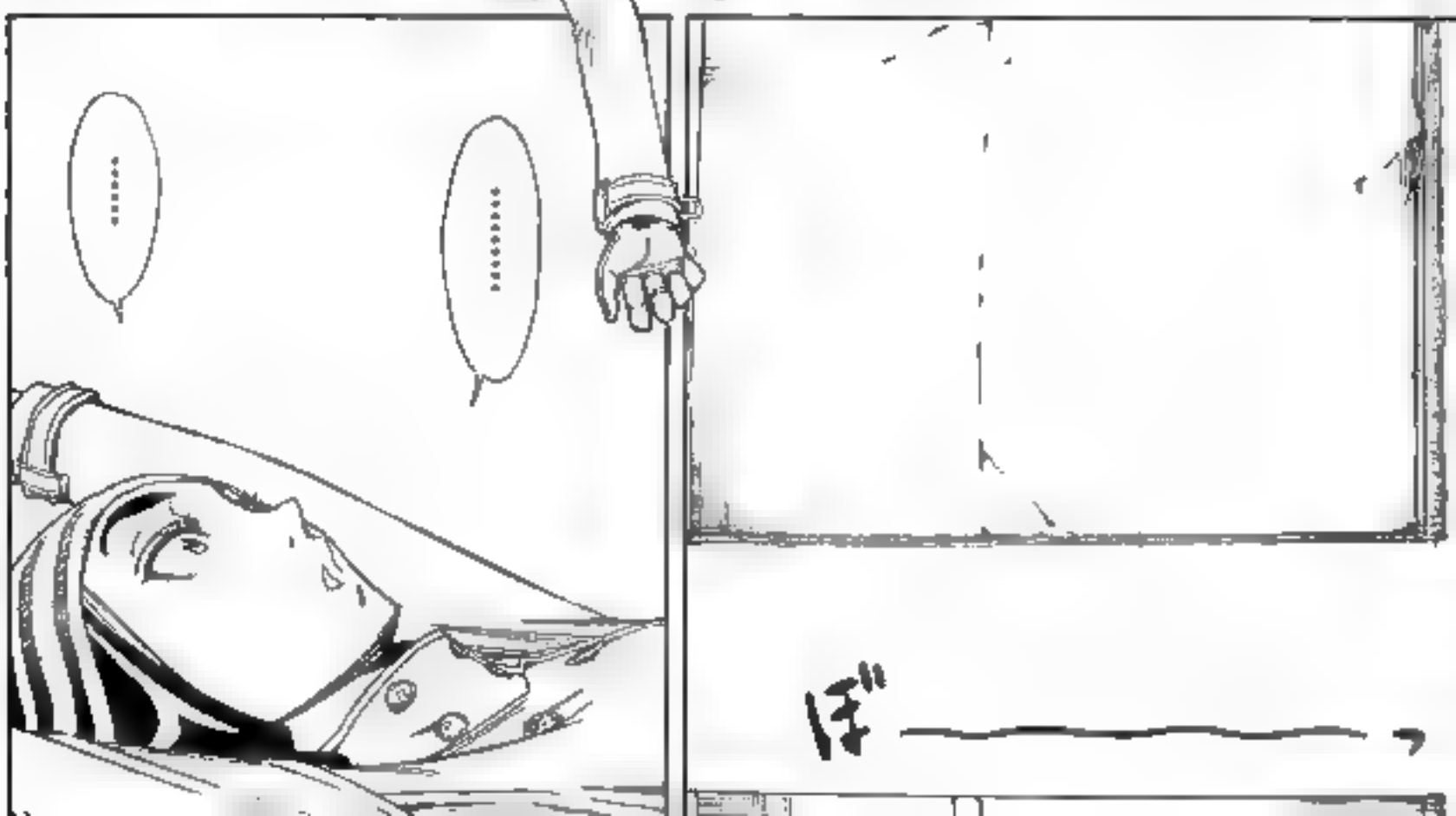

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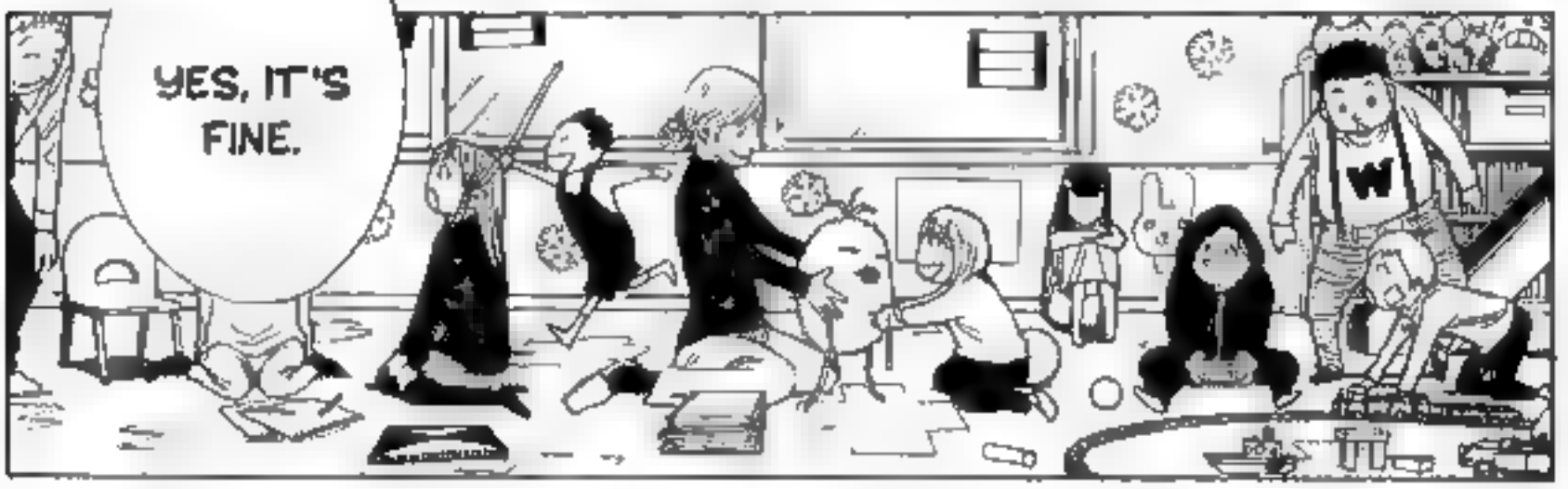
YOU'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT ALL OF THEM?

YES, IT'S FINE.



BOSS. SOMEONE FROM THE FBI.

Huh?

THE CONGREGATIO CRUCIS SOCIETY SAYS THAT SEVERAL OF THEIR CONVENTS WILL ACCEPT UNIDENTIFIED CHILDREN

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A WOMAN...?

HUH?

HUH?

TEMPORARY MEMORY LOSS AFTER A SHOCK, MAYBE.

PERHAPS.

NOR IS THERE ANY REASON TO

...? HE ISN'T LYING,

I DON'T KNO~OW.

YOU TOLD A POLICEMAN A WHILE AGO THAT A WOMAN WAS THERE

I UNDER-STAND

PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THE CHILDREN'S INJURIES WORSE THAN THEY ALREADY ARE.

I'LL BE BACK

Recreation

AH .. UM...

MR. HOFFMAN

OH, HERE'S THE PRIEST

OH, THIS IS THE PRIEST OF THE PARISH IN CHARGE OF THE CONVENT WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTING THE CHILDREN.

THIS IS...?

OH, THESE PEOPLE SAY THEY'RE FROM THE FBI.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

I CAME TO SEE HOW THE CHILDREN ARE DOING TODAY.

Hey... did you bring some candy today?

Oh... it's Father!!

YES.

IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY-ONE HAS CALMED DOWN QUITE A BIT

HEY, DON'T PULL.

OKAY, OKAY.

THAT THERE AREN'T MORE POOR CHILDREN LIKE THIS.

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ENSURE

DETEC-TIVE.

WELL, GOOD-BYE. .

.....

WE'LL HANDLE THOSE HERE.

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE EYE-WITNESS INTERVIEWS OF THE CHILDREN.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PROBLEMS WITH HER ACTIONS LATELY.

YOU'RE TAKING GOOD CARE OF HER SOUL?

NO.

I'M CAUSING YOU PROBLEMS.

Father will play...

THERE'S NO TIME TO TAKE A BREATH IN THIS TOWN, IT'S VERY.

HOW SHOULD I PUT IT?

YOU HAVE GOOD EARS, DON'T YOU, MR. HOFFMAN.

THAT IS AN EXCUSE FOR ADULTS.

FATHER PETRUS...

DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY, FRESH SCENES OF TRAGEDY STRIKE THE EYE.

WHY, YOU!! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY WORMS ABOUND IN THIS ROTTEN APPLE?

THIS WORLD CAN NOT BE SAVED WITHOUT DEDICATED SACRIFICE!!

THE LORD WAS ABLE TO DO IT!!

EEEK!

OH. FINE, FINE.

It's Mr Bear He's not scary..

BOSS!! SCAR IS DOING IT AGAIN...

KOUNU

EEEE... FATHER IS SCARY...

OH, SORRY.

ONE OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE... HE WAS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL WHEN YOU WERE HERE THE OTHER DAY.

THIS IS THE SCENE OF THE GREATEST DISASTER.

WHEN YOU SEE THE CHILDREN'S EYES, YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?

I'M AFRAID TO EVEN SAY WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM BEFORE HE ENTERED OUR CARE.

THIS IS TERRIBLE.

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THE CRIME WILL BE PUNISHED! I PRAY THAT THE ATONEMENT WILL BE DONE BY OUR HOLY WARRIORS!!

THAT IS THE VERY REASON

THERE ARE ALSO TIMES WHEN THE BURDEN WEIGHS HEAVY ON THE CHILDREN OF MEN.

... HOW-EVER.

DAAAAH!

DAH!

WHIZ

DING

DING

POW

WHIZ

POW

COME ON OUT!

ON!

YOU BITCH.
YOU'VE GONE MAD!!
DAMN IT!!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND!!
YOU AND EVERYONE CONNECTED TO YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE KILLED!!
WHEREVER YOU TRY TO HIDE,

YOU WILL REALIZE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS MEANINGLESS AND FOOLISH.

I KNOW NOTHING OF THE PLANS OF THE FRIENDS OF JUSTICE OR WHATEVER. BUT YOU...

THEY'LL SEND YOU PACKAGES OF THEIR DEAD BODIES A LITTLE AT A TIME UNTIL YOU DIE OF DESPAIR!!

ALL ALONG, THE BRETHREN HAVE PLANNED TO TORTURE AND KILL THOSE BRATS YOU TRIED TO SAVE BEFORE!!

My Lord,

Oh, My Lord,

close your mouth and keep your eyes open

Just like that

DO YOU UNDER-STAND, BITCH?

on me.

Take pity

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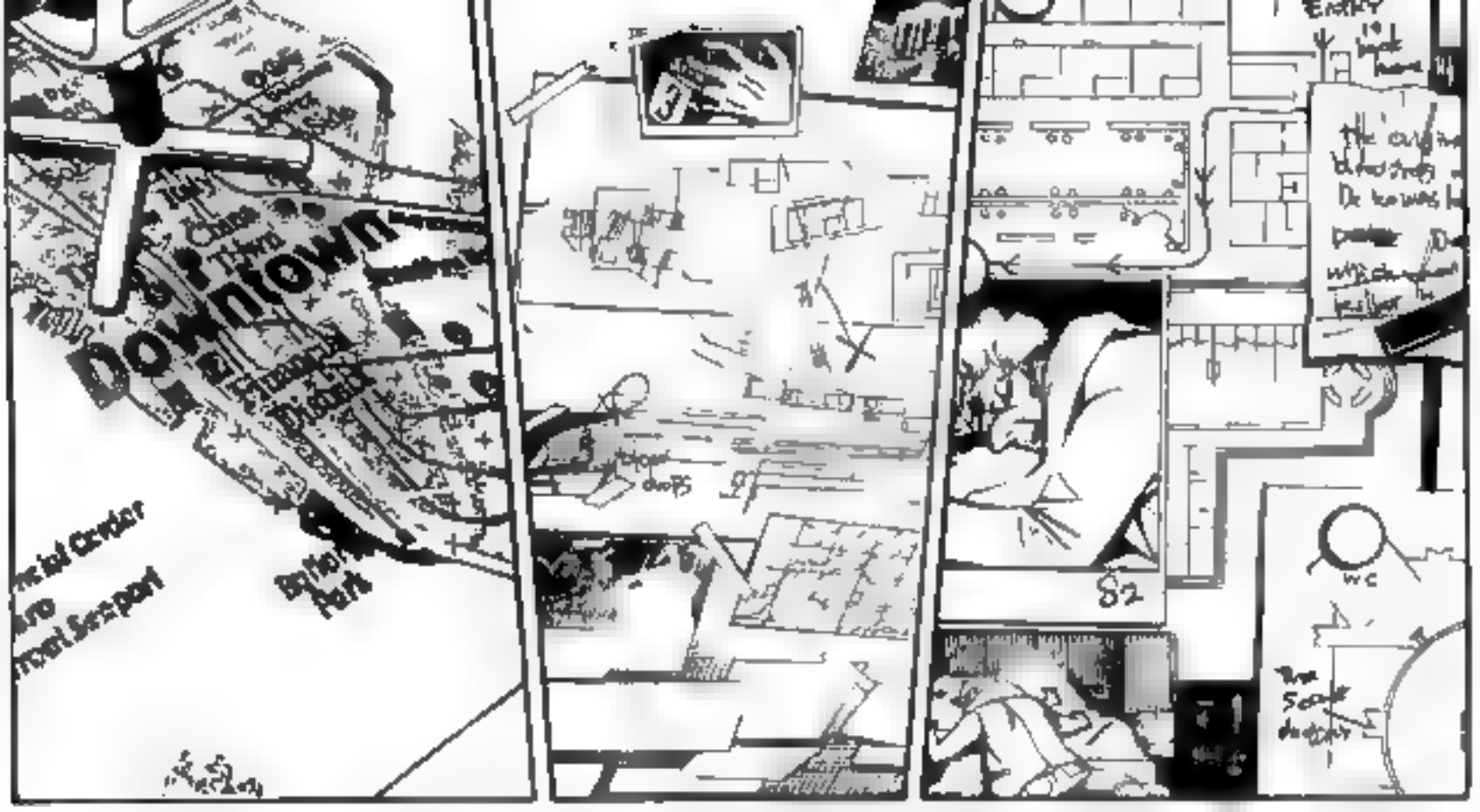
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HM.

ALMOST ALL WERE SHOT IN THE EYES.

USING A HANDGUN

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This is what you asked for!

Hey, Snowpie. ♡

WON'T MR. FORD BE MAD ?

HEY, YOU'VE BEEN STICKING THINGS UP ALL OVER THE REFERENCE ROOM AGAIN

You'll come on a date now, right? ♡

WOW, THANKS, LEE. ☆

Am I out?

Is this a hit!? Is it a hit!?

Hmmmm!!

ON TOP OF THAT, THERE IS NO RECORD AT THE COLLEGE OF ANY STUDENT BY THAT NAME!

ALL OF THEM ARE IN THEIR 30s OR OLDER. THEIR IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN VERIFIED, AND NONE OF THEM RESEMBLE THIS PORTRAIT.

THERE ARE 5 PEOPLE IN NEW YORK NAMED "TISTA LONE."

EVERYTHING WAS CLEANED UP!!

SHE DIDN'T EXIST FROM THE BEGINNING? NO, AN ALIAS THAT THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS ATTEST TO? LITURGICAL NAME? IF SHE'S A LAY SISTER, HER IDENTIFICATION IS HER TRUE NAME...

... THIS ISN'T LIMITED TO JUST ONE GIRL STUDENT.

BY WHO? WHY?

Teach us multiplication! Multiplication!

EASY MATH

Tista!!

UM, TISTA, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR EYE?

OH, YEAH, IT'S NOTHING. THANK YOU.

TISSIE, DOES YOUR EYE HURT? ARE YOU OKAY?

I don't understand Sister McGee's class at all

SOMETIMES YOU THINK "YOU'RE DIS-PLEASED WITH SOMETHING."

Hey, hey, if you run in the hall, won't Mother get angry again?

TISSIE, UM, I...

COME QUICK 'CAUSE IT'S COLD!

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT IN A PLACE WHERE IF YOU JUST REACH OUT YOUR HAND, YOU THINK YOU CAN REACH IT

Yeah, sneaky! You ate something without us.

TISSIE, YOU SMELL LIKE AN ORANGE...

HUH?

HOW-EVER...

I MUST NOT WISH FOR ANYTHING.

Sneaky

Hey Tissie were you playing?

I SAW A BIG ONE IN CHINA-TOWN

Fire cracker!

Hm?

NO, LIZ, IT'S THAT THING THIS ODOR IS.

Huuuh?

I'LL TUTOR YOU LATER...

SORRY.

SOMEONE LIKE ME TEACH?

WHAT CAN

I MUST NOT REQUEST.

I MUST NOT INSIST.

I MUST NOT GET CLOSE...!!

わた わた…

OH, SISTER LONE!

WON'T YOU COME OVER HERE FOR A MINUTE!?

?

WHAT HAPPENED?

THIS BOY IS NEW...

I HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING!

I'D LIKE YOU TO HOLD THIS CHILD FOR A WHILE.

WHEN I STOPPED HIM FROM GOING OUT AT SUCH A LATE HOUR, SUDDENLY.

.....

SUICIDE IS IN DEFIANCE OF GOD OUR CREATOR! IT IS A VERY SERIOUS SIN!!

I DON'T UNDER-STAND CHILDREN NOWADAYS.

.....

IF THEY WANT TO LIVE, WHY DO THEY HURT THEMSELVES? THAT'S A CONTRADICTION!

GRAB

I THINK YOU'RE WRONG, SISTER CHRIS...

THESE CHILDREN ARE MORE DESPERATE TO LIVE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

HEY, PAPA,

I WON-DER

WHAT I SHOULD DO?

WHAT DID PAPA DO...?

...AH.

ALL DONE.

DON'T DO IT ANYMORE, OKAY?

It's good that the wounds were shallow

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SEVEN BELLS,

NOT AT THE REGULAR TIME.

OH... I'M GOING NOW.

GOOD NIGHT.

THE OFFENDER SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOMEONE FROM THE TRIAD GANG FEYANBAN.

HOWEVER, UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR CARE, ALONG WITH A CAREGIVER, WAS RECENTLY MURDERED.

GOOD WORK.

CLEANING THEM UP

IT HAPPENS AT ? TONIGHT

THE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU SEIZED AN OLD MAN FROM THAT GROUP ABOUT AN HOUR AGO.

THE TARGET ?

MILITIA,

MARCH FORWARD WITH CONVICTION!!

DON YOUR CHAINMAIL AND ARMOR YOUR HEART WITH FAITH.

EXTERMINATE ALL WHO OPPOSE YOUR CROSS WITH INDOMITABLE COURAGE!!

WITHOUT FEAR OF MAN OR DEMON.

Drip

Drip

SNIPING IS A LONG AND LONELY BUSINESS.

GRAB

SO YOU REALLY HAVE COME...

EVERYTHING IS OVER WITH THE TOUCH OF AN INDEX FINGER— AS LIGHT AS PETTING A KITTEN.

NOT MEETING YOUR OPPONENT'S EYE, OR HEARING HIS VOICE.

HOLDING YOUR BREATH AND DOING NOTHING BUT HIDING.

AAAAAAAAA

...BUT IF YOU'RE ADVANCING, IT'S ALSO LIKE THIS!!

THEIR SPIRITS POUR OVER ME!!!

Take her down!!

THEY SEE ME!! THEY FACE MY FANGS!!

I JUST WANT TO FILL THE HEART WHICH MUST NOT FORGET THE USUAL PAINS!!

I JUST WANT THE FEELING AND REASON TO LIVE.

NOWHERE BUT HERE!!

FOR ME, THAT IS HERE AND NOW!!

WAS WHEN YOU WERE TARGETED BY HIDDEN SNIPERS.

MY POP OFTEN SAID THAT, DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS REALLY DANGEROUS

BUT EXTERMINATING INSTINCTIVELY SWARMING MICE

CLATTER

CRASH

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PUMPKINS. ☆

IS EASIER THAN SMASHING

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TISTA

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